

Durham Constabulary – public hearing outcomes

The following table provides an overview of the outcomes from all public hearings that have taken place in the financial year 2021/2022.

Date	Type of hearing	Officer	Nature of allegation	Sanction
21/09/2021	Misconduct hearing	Former PC 1923 Mark Philip	Equality and diversity and discreditable conduct.	Dismissal without notice had Mark Philip been remained as a serving police officer.
08/03/2022	Accelerated gross misconduct hearing	Former PC 2406 Simon Hopper	<p>Criminal conviction for drink driving while off-duty, the length of disqualification is 26 months.</p> <p>Former officer Hopper recorded a reading of 111 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. More than three times over the legal limit of 36 micrograms.</p>	<p>Dismissal without notice had Simon Hopper been remained as a serving police officer.</p> <p>He is also now placed on the College of Policing's barred list.</p>

<p>05/07/2022 – 07/07/2022</p>	<p>Gross misconduct hearing</p>	<p>DC 2574 Simon Spellman</p>	<p>The officer inappropriately touched a junior colleague in her hotel room while away on a work-related weekend by stroking her upper left thigh and the centre of her back.</p> <p>His conduct breached the professional standards of authority, respect, and courtesy, and constituted discreditable conduct.</p>	<p>Dismissed without notice, and name added to the barred list.</p>
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