



Durham Constabulary  
Special Constable  
**2023/24 Training Programme**



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# PEQF: Special Constable Learning Programme 2023-2024

The Special Constable Learning Programme (SCLP) is designed to provide special constables with the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to be effective in their role. It covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Law and order
- Police powers
- Public order
- Investigation
- Community engagement
- Personal safety

The SCLP is delivered through a combination of online learning, face-to-face training and on-the-job learning.

## Phase One Learning

Phase One Learning runs from 13th November 2023 to 11th February 2024 and is 13 weeks long.

Induction: Saturday 7th October, 9am-4pm, Meadowfield

Training: Mondays and Thursdays, 6pm-9pm, online via Microsoft Teams. Sessions will be recorded for students who cannot attend live.

## Mandatory Face-to-Face Training

Due to the nature of the subject matter, some training is best delivered face-to-face at our training centre at Meadowfield. These sessions rely on practical exercises and are mandatory for all students. They cannot be recorded.

## Further Reading

Students will be expected and encouraged to carry out further reading throughout this phase of learning. This is to prepare students for upcoming subject content and will be set by your trainers throughout the programme. There are a number of mandatory E-Learning packages that students will be required to complete alongside each of the 5 modules.

## **Mentoring**

Qualified Special Constables will act as mentors throughout Phase One to help put training into context of the operational workspace.

## **Personal Safety Training**

Personal Safety Training, which covers the Managing Conflict learning, will be delivered over three weekends. The dates of this training will 14th & 15th October, 21st & 22nd October, and 28th & 29th October.

## **Weekend Learning Event**

Phase One learning will end with a Weekend Learning Event on 10th and 11th February 2024. The aim will be to consolidate all learning in preparation for (APS) Accompanied Patrol Status and address any areas of concern identified throughout the previous training. This will be mandatory for all students to attend.

## **Attestation**

Attestation is proposed for 31st January 2024 and will be alongside probationary constables.

## **Note**

This programme is subject to change depending on availability of guest speakers and specialist trainers.

## **By the end of Phase One Learning**

Special Constables will have established a solid foundation of Knowledge & Understanding and developed practical skills aligned to the CoP PEQF: SCLP Curriculum. Special Constables will be in a position to move into the operational workspace alongside an experienced officer for the next stage of their learning and development. During this next stage Special Constables will work towards demonstrating their occupational competence by completing a portfolio supported by the PEQF team.

Special Constable Learning Programme				
Content		Date		Duration (hrs)
Module 1 - Understanding the Role				
Induction - PSD/ Welfare/Role of Police/ Duty Sheet	Saturday	07 October 2023	8	Classroom
Communication / Radios / BWV	Monday	13 November 2023	3	Online
Module 2 - Law & Criminal Justice				
PACE/PNB/Statements	Thursday	16 November 2023	3	
Criminal Damage	Monday	20 November 2023	3	
Power of arrest/ Caution	Thursday	23 November 2023	3	
Criminal Justice	Monday	27 November 2023	3	
PACE	Thursday	30 November 2023	3	
Theft	Monday	04 December 2023	3	
Drugs/ Alcohol	Thursday	07 December 2023	3	
Stop/Search Theory	Monday	11 December 2023	3	
Stop/Search Practicals	Thursday	14 December 2023	3	
Assaults	Monday	18 December 2023	3	
Module 3 - Managing Conflict				
First Aid	Saturday	14 October 2023	8	
PST	Sunday	15 October 2023	8	
PST	Saturday	21 October 2023	8	
PST	Sunday	22 October 2023	8	
PST	Saturday	28 October 2023	8	
PST	Sunday	29 October 2023	8	
Module 4 - Response Policing & Policing Communities				
Role of first responder/ Incident Management	Thursday	04 January 2024	3	
Managing suspects/ offenders	Monday	08 January 2024	3	
Power of Entry / Search	Thursday	11 January 2024	3	
Investigations	Monday	15 January 2024	3	
Public Order	Thursday	18 January 2024	3	
Countering Terrorism	Monday	22 January 2024	3	
Traffic	Thursday	25 January 2024	3	
Community Policing	Monday	29 January 2024	3	
Attestation – TBC will be alongside PC Attestation	Wednesday	31 January 2024	3	
Module 5 - Vulnerability & Risk				
Victims/Witnesses	Thursday	01 February 2024	3	
Safeguarding/ Public Protection	Monday	05 February 2024	3	
NIM/Digital Policing	Thursday	08 February 2024	3	
Full Day Practicals/ Consolidation Excercises	Saturday	10 February 2024	8	
Full Day Practicals/ Consolidation Excercises	Sunday	11 February 2024	8	

Classroom
Online