

EMPLOYER Q & A

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West Yorkshire Police serve approximately 2.2 million people living in one of the five metropolitan districts of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

Why does your company take on apprentices?

By engaging in the apprenticeship process the Force can enhance its reputation as a forward thinking, inclusive organisation supporting the employability of the community we serve whilst also attracting and developing our leaders of tomorrow.

What are the benefits to your company of taking on apprentices?

It is believed the department will continue to attract bright, keen ambitious professionals who offer fresh ideas and ideals to the organisation and who possess the skills and abilities the Force needs to progress. The apprentices will benefit from the chance to work in a professional organisation and with training will be able to enhance the service we provide to our public. These skills include IT, literacy, numeracy, and a flexible approach to work.

Tell us about your apprentices from Kirklees College?

The Force has forged a good working relationship with Kirklees College and all apprentices who are training there at this time are progressing well and have fitted into the teams they are employed within.

What does the future hold for your apprentices at the company once they have completed their course?

It has always been the Force's ambition for the apprentices the Force employs to secure permanent employment in the Force.

How does the college support your company and your apprentice?

The College has worked hard to meet the needs of the students and the Force and have responded to any query we have raised quickly and efficiently and to our satisfaction.

Would you take on more apprentices in the future, and why?

Yes because we recognise the benefits of the scheme.



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