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### **The organization of the police force in the UK**

The British police was established in 1829. It was founded by Sir Robert Peel, who was twice the Prime Minister of England. In 1829 he came up with a plan of setting up a police service in London. Hand picked officers were known as Bobbies in his honor.

Comparing the UK with other countries, there is no national police force in Britain.

All police employees work for separate forces, which are responsible for a particular area. In return, the government provides most of the money to support the police. Some money comes from the local government. The exception of this system is the Metropolitan Police Force, which polices Greater London. The “Met” is controlled by certain national functions. There are 52 police stations in the country: 43 in England and Wales, 8 in Scotland and 1 in Northern Ireland. All of them subject to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Great Britain.

The police of Great Britain includes the territorial police, which performs the main work, and the special police. There are 2 territorial police stations in London: the City police and Scotland Yard. The main unit of the UK police is constables. They have the right to arrest and to search a suspect. Detectives are responsible for solving and investigating serious crimes. These officers do not wear uniforms, but work in the police just like regular police officers. The special police is engaged in the fight against economic crime. This is Serious organized crime Agency. The UK also has the Police Force of Ministry of Defence. Its function is to ensure the security of military facilities.

Scotland has its own power structure. This is the Agency for stopping the activities of dangerous groups. The Police of Scotland was created in 2013 by merging of eight regional police forces in Scotland. Scotland Police is the second largest police force in the United Kingdom. It has several powers: to arrest, to search without a warrant, to arrest without a warrant

In Northern Ireland the fight against organized crime is an independent unit. The senior officer in charge of the PSNI is its chief constable. The chief constable of Northern Ireland is a highly paid police officer in the UK. Each district is headed by a chief superintendent. Districts are divided into smaller districts that are commanded by the chief inspector, smaller ones are divided into some ones that are commanded by the inspectors.

The police force in Wales is the largest in number. Its headquarters are located in Bridgend. The force was formed as South Wales police on the 1st of June in 1969 by merging of the former Glamorgan police, Cardiff city police, Swansea borough police and Merthyr Tydfil borough police. The Police work is performed by constables. They have several powers: to detain people in certain circumstances, to arrest people with or without sanction for offenses, and the power to seize and preserve property.

Regional police forces in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are very similar, but differ in size. But there is a division that operates throughout the UK, created in 2006, this is the Agency which combats particularly dangerous crime.

The Association of chiefs of police plays a major role in improving police performance. It is engaged in improving police activities and training of police officers.

The UK Police Force is at a high level. Its motto is “working together to make London the safest capital in the world”.

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