

Recruitment Process – Summary for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in applying for a role within ERSOU. Due to the nature of the service we provide and in the interest of recruiting the best candidates to reduce crime, catch criminals and keep the people of our County safe our recruitment process may be more comprehensive than other processes you have experienced. We are very interested in your application – please bear with us whilst all the necessary assessments and checks are undertaken. Please do not hand in your notice to your current employer until a final offer has been made to you.

Application Process

Ensure you complete all boxes with an asterisk (*) or you will be unable to submit your application. Please ensure you complete the supporting statements section, these vary depending on the role and will be explained on the accompanying advert and role profile. Please note there is a 500 word count limit on the application per section and you should ensure your evidence fits within this limit.

Short Listing

Candidates are shortlisted by assessing the information on the application form against the personal qualities and minimum entry requirements. It is important that you, therefore, complete the application form fully and carefully, ensuring you demonstrate with examples how you meet the various criteria.

Interview/Selection process

If invited to interview you will be notified via email, this notification will usually be a minimum of 7 days before the interview date. You will be required to produce valid identification at the interview (a list of suitable ID will be sent via email) for photocopies to be made.

During the interview you could be asked about all or any of the 6 competencies stipulated in the role profile. You would also be informed prior to interview if there is a presentation or test element to the selection process.

Conditional Offer

If you are successful following the selection process you will receive a conditional offer and we will start progressing your pre-employment checks which includes; vetting, medical and references. Until these checks are complete you should not hand in your notice with your current employer.

Vetting

Vetting is required for all employees and levels of vetting differ across the categories of vacancies. ERSOU employees require Management Vetting (MV) and National Security Checks (SC). You may also need to undergo STRAP vetting, this form will be provided at the conditional offer stage.

For Management Vetting you will be sent an e-form, this must be completed online and returned via email to HR.ERSOU@herts.pnn.police.uk.

Vetting completion varies in individual cases so please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for vetting checks to be finalised for MV.

SC forms will be sent via our vetting department and will require you to log in and complete further vetting forms. Vetting clearance for SC does vary, but usually takes between 6 and 12 weeks.

Some roles will allow you to begin whilst Security Checks are being completed. If this applies to you HR will email to explain and ask if you are happy to do so. It would be your choice if you wanted to wait for all vetting to be complete before beginning the role

Medical

Candidates will be provided with a work health questionnaire that must be completed and sent directly to the Occupational Health Department along with the role profile.

A full medical history must be disclosed as failure to do so may result in your application being rejected. **Please complete the questionnaire carefully and thoroughly – if in doubt, disclose it.**

If your role requires a psychological assessment or an appointment, the Occupational Health department will arrange this with you directly.

References

References will need to be obtained from all employers (paid or otherwise) covering a minimum of 3 years. For existing members of staff, references will be required from current line managers to ensure that there are no performance management concerns in any aspects of your role. In the case of Special Constables your progress with your Police Action Checklist (PAC's), hours completed per month and progress towards becoming Fit for Independent Patrol will be taken into consideration.

Final Offer

Once all pre-employment checks have been concluded and approved, and a start date agreed, a final offer and written statement of particulars/conditions of service will be issued. Once a final offer has been issued a redeployee can no longer be considered for the vacant role.

At this stage all pay and pension forms will be required to be completed for external candidates and returned to HR.

Pay point

In most circumstances you will start on the lowest pay point of the scale for the grade of post. If you are moving roles internally but staying at the same grade if the role is of a similar nature it is likely you will stay on the same point, however if you are moving to a different role profile it is likely you will start at the bottom of the grade.

Start date

You will be provided with a contact for your first day. This will be followed by an induction into your role (this varies depending on the department/role).

Probation

You will be required to successfully complete a minimum six month probationary period. This will vary depending on role.

Further information

If you require any further information or need clarity on any of the above points please don't hesitate to contact us.

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