



National Crime Agency

## Who we are and what we do

The NCA's mission is to protect the public from serious and organised crime. The Agency (NCA) achieves this by degrading the most harmful organised crime groups and leading the wider law enforcement system to reduce the threat.

The Agency has two main functions:

- A 'crime-reduction function' of ensuring efficient and effective activities to combat organised crime and serious crime are carried out (whether by the Agency, other law enforcement agencies, or other persons); and
- A 'criminal intelligence function' of gathering, storing, processing, analysing, and disseminating information that is relevant to, among other things: activities to combat organised crime or serious crime and activities to combat any other kind of crime.

The Agency has officers based in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We are an organisation with global reach, with liaison officers based in over 50 countries around the world.



The Agency has five responsibilities

1

The single intelligence picture of the serious and organised crime threat facing the UK.

2

Collecting and exploiting data and intelligence to detect and disrupt serious and organised crime.

3

Investigating and taking action against the highest-harm offenders and their enablers.

4

Setting operational priorities for the serious and organised crime system.

5

Hosting and providing partners with access to national and specialist capabilities.

## The NCA delivers its mission through four pillars

**Pillar 1: Degrading the most harmful organised crime groups**

**Pillar 2: Leading the UK's operational response**

**Pillar 3: Transforming the Agency's capabilities**

**Pillar 4: Growing a highly skilled workforce**

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## Key Threat Areas



**BORDER  
VULNERABILITIES**



**DRUG  
TRAFFICKING**



**KIDNAP &  
EXTORTION**



**ORGANISED  
IMMIGRATION CRIME**



**BRIBERY,  
CORRUPTION &  
SANCTIONS**



**FRAUD**



**MODERN  
SLAVERY &  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



**CHILD  
SEXUAL ABUSE**



**CYBERCRIME**



**ILLEGAL  
FIREARMS**



**MONEY  
LAUNDERING**

### Further reading

[A picture of the threat to the UK from serious and organised crime](#)

[NCA Annual Plan 2024-25](#)

[NCA Annual Report & Accounts 2024-25](#)

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