

Name: Michael Donegan

Rank: Detective Constable

Unit: Derbyshire Constabulary Cyber Crime Investigation Unit

Experience: 14 years as an operational police officer working on a range of different units. I have been involved as an investigator in operations involving organised crime groups, drugs, firearms, terrorism, violent crime, financial crime, robberies, public order, burglaries, prostitution, human trafficking and cyber crime.

Qualifications:

- UK policing qualifications in Serious/Complex crime investigation including cyber crime, operational support matters relating to Digital Media and investigations involving cryptocurrencies.
- Qualified Digital Forensic examiner on Magnet and XRY platforms
- BTEC Level 3 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles
- CompTIA Security+
- Certified Security Testing Associate
- Masters (MSc) in Financial investigation and Digital intelligence - Distinction
- Associate member of the Institute of Cyber Digital Investigation Professionals
- Member of the National Police Chiefs Council working group on Cryptocurrencies
- Associate lecturer at the University of Derby

Background:

Over the last 3 years I have developed a passion for learning about the mechanics and applications of cryptocurrency. This has involved both academic work and self-study into the subject. Further to this I have been lucky enough to gain extensive experience of practically applying my knowledge in investigations involving cryptocurrency.

Completing this work has put me in a core training position within UK law enforcement in relation to cryptocurrencies and digital crime. Due to this I have prepared and delivered training to law enforcement colleagues across the country. This has been on a range of topics relating to cryptocurrency including the lawful seizure of cryptocurrencies identified as criminal property.

One of the biggest challenges in this field is keeping up to date with a subject that is constantly developing. To meet this challenge, it is vital to work with law enforcement colleagues from around the world. This allows for a two way transfer of knowledge leading to professional development for all parties involved. As such I am relishing the opportunity that comes with participating in the OECD Africa Academy.

Outside of work my interests are largely limited to learning more about Bitcoin, keeping fit and following how England cricket team are getting on. Edge of the seat stuff I know!