



Organised Crime Division

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Introduction to the Organised Crime Division

The Organised Crime Division (OCD), headed by Gregor McGill, deals with cases investigated by the [National Crime Agency \(NCA\)](#).

Established in 2005, the division exists to prosecute members of the most serious organised crime groups operating within England and Wales, with cases ranging from drug and people trafficking to cyber-crime.

OCD has four sites: They are co-located with NCA in the West Midlands, North East and North West and a further prosecution team is based in central London.

Head of the Organised Crime Division



Gregor McGill was appointed Head of OCD in 2012.

Gregor qualified as a solicitor in 1987 and began his career as a commercial litigator at a City of London firm. He joined the CPS in 1991 and was one of the first CPS lawyers to be granted Higher Rights of audience. Gregor has represented the CPS before the Court of Appeal.

In 2002, Gregor joined HM Customs & Excise as a senior lawyer, prosecuting the full range of specialist customs and organised crime casework. In 2006, on the creation of the Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office (RCPO), Gregor was appointed Head of the Serious Organised Crime Division.

In 2009, Gregor was appointed Head of the Fraud Prosecution Division and in 2010 became a Legal Director in CPS London. In 2011, Gregor was asked to take responsibility for the CPS response to the Leveson Inquiry, assisting the Principal Legal Adviser, Alison Levitt QC, in making charging decisions in relation to the ongoing phone hacking investigations and other related matters. On his appointment as Head of Organised Crime in 2012, Gregor retained this responsibility, incorporating it into his new role.

Prosecution

The national head of OCD's prosecution work is Jo Jakymec, a specialist in organised crime

casework. Almost all OCD prosecutions stem from intelligence-led operations, with legal staff providing advice from the outset of a criminal investigation. Two thirds of the division's caseload consists of advice files. The division's lawyers work proactively with investigators, shaping cases and exploring ways in which successful prosecutions might be brought against criminal targets. This approach brings results: Her Majesty's CPS Inspectorate noted a high level of successful convictions in the division's cases in its [2009 report](#).

Press releases related to Organised Crime

As the Organised Crime Division works closely with the National Crime Agency, press releases are sometimes agreed jointly with, and may be issued by, NCA. Some of the links below may therefore link to documents held on the NCA website.

Date	Outline
29/04/2015	<u>Two guilty of football match-fixing</u>
14/01/2015	<u>No further action in relation to alleged match-fixing</u>
11/07/2014	<u>12 Years for human traffickers who conned young woman</u>
27/06/2014	<u>Patrick Rock charged</u>
27/03/2013	<u>Bogus lawyer Giovanni Di Stefano convicted</u>
14/03/2013	<u>Five sentenced for pioneering production of BMK</u>
04/02/2013	<u>'Industrial' money launderers sentenced</u>
11/01/2013	<u>Two sentenced for hacking Sony Music servers</u>
06/12/1012	<u>Christopher Weatherhead convicted of conspiracy to hack computers</u>
05/11/2012	<u>Four charged with forging £1.2m in counterfeit £10 notes</u>

Further resources

[Assistance by UK Prosecutors - 2nd edition](#)

Guidance for prosecutors and other authorities, particularly abroad, wishing to recover proceeds of crime from within UK jurisdiction (Opens as PDF document in new window).

