



Q. What is your job title?

A. Senior Financial Crime Investigator

Q. Briefly explain what your job entails.

A. I am currently deployed to the Financial Intelligence Service (FIS) which is responsible for receiving financial crime intelligence from a number of sources. The intelligence that we receive includes suspicion of money laundering, other criminal activities and terrorist financing. The main responsibility is receiving Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) from the finance sector and analysing the SAR, collating the information contained in the SAR and then disseminating a report to other law enforcement agencies (worldwide). The FIS also deal with enquiries from other law enforcement agencies world-wide as well as assisting the Guernsey Police and Guernsey Border Agency in their investigations.

Q. What was your study route (Further Education, Higher Education, professional qualifications)?

A. Secondary Education followed up with a professional qualification

Q. What were your favourite subjects at school and do you think they have helped in your chosen career? Are there any other subjects that have helped you?

A. Geography and Food Technology

B. They weren't relevant to my chosen career path

C. Common sense – not a subject but it is vital in the day to day work that I undertake as a law enforcement officer

Q. What do you like best about your job?

A. The best part of a job in law enforcement is that no day is ever the same; we deal with a wide range of enquiries and investigations with many countries. It is also satisfying to know that we are helping to protect the Bailiwick of Guernsey from financial and economic crime and prevent criminals from using the well-established financial sector to launder the proceeds of criminal activity and terrorism financing..

Q. Do you have the opportunity to study through your work? If so, what are you/have you been studying/studied?

A. Yes, training and upskilling your knowledge and experience is key in a role in law enforcement and specifically financial crime. I have completed a number of financial related courses, a Certificate in Offshore Banking and am currently studying a diploma in criminology.

Q. Would you recommend a career in the finance industry in Guernsey to young people, and why?

A. Yes, there are a wide variety of careers in the finance industry which has been demonstrated in the GIBA careers film. A career in the finance industry also provides an opportunity for you to gain experience and knowledge in various sectors of the industry from banking, trust, insurance or compliance which is the main area that I deal with on a day to day basis.

Q. What is your advice to school leavers?

A. I would advise school leavers to have a structured study route ensuring that they complete secondary education and gain a qualification in either the professional field they wish to enter or higher education. If you are lucky enough to know what you want from your career, then it is important to be proactive and determined in your pursuit of it. If you want a challenging, rewarding and incredibly varied career, maybe law enforcement could be for you?