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## JULIE FUTERS – SENIOR FINANCIAL INVESTIGATOR

**CURRENT EMPLOYER** HM Revenue & Customs (Formerly HM Customs & Excise/UK Border Force)  
Fraud Investigation Service (FIS) – Economic Crime  
2004 – to date

**LANGUAGES** English

**EXPERIENCE** **SENIOR FINANCIAL INVESTIGATOR**

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK

2020 to date

The HMRC Fraud Investigation Service, Economic Crime directorate works to reduce the impact of serious fraud on the UK tax system, to recover the proceeds of fiscal crime and protect the UK against the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing through world-class supervision.

- Responsible for leading a complex and fast-paced case portfolio concerning the identification, preservation and recovery of assets using civil and criminal tools, creating effective financial and enforcement strategies to maximise returns to the UK government.
- Acting as authorising officer for financial investigative orders and warrants in line with the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), other relevant legislation, case law and codes of practice.
- Gathering intelligence and evidence to progress and enhance civil and criminal financial recovery investigations.
- Providing leadership and innovation in the use of legislation to maximise recovery opportunities.
- Providing feedback regarding new money laundering trends/typologies ensuring organisational learning is shared across HMRC and other law enforcement agencies.

- Working closely to collaborate with internal and external stakeholders. Actively participating on steering groups and forums to provide technical guidance for Economic Crime.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (HIGHER OFFICER) – HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS**

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK

2012 – 2020

HMRC Fraud Investigation Service (FIS) is responsible for the department's civil and criminal investigations into the most serious fraud and wrongdoing.

- Leading team of criminal investigators responsible for a portfolio of cases concerning serious attacks on the UK tax system.
- Responsible for case management, providing support and mentorship to case officers and directing strategy of investigations.
- Bronze Commander, leading operational teams in planned/reactive deployments including execution of search warrants/orders, seizure of goods/evidence/cash, search, arrest and interview and undertaking surveillance activities.
- Composition and assurance of authorities such as search warrant & production order applications to ensure compliance with Human Rights Act (ECHR)
- Preparation of criminal cases and exhibits for submission to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).
- Disclosure officer responsible for the handling, consideration, and scheduling of all case material in line with the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act (CPIA).
- Attending court to give evidence.
- Line management for a team of operational criminal investigators, their performance, conduct, development, absence, and well-being

**INLAND DETECTION OFFICER – HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS**

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK

2009-2012

HMRC Inland Detection provides a uniformed capability to detect, disrupt and deter the inland distribution of illicit cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol, fuel, and the proceeds of crime.

- Primary duties included gathering & dissemination of intelligence.
- Targeting and management of intelligence led operations, including briefing/debriefing, risk assessments, and control/command of live deployments.
- Bronze Commander leading operational deployments including the search/inspection of domestic and commercial premises/vehicles/persons civil and criminal powers.
- Arrest and interview (civil and criminal) of suspects
- Attending court to give evidence.
- Search and seizure of cash.

### **NATIONAL DETECTION TRAINER – UK BORDER FORCE**

National, UK

2006 - 2009

The UK Border Force National Detection Training Team is responsible for the development and delivery of mandatory training to all operational UK Border Force officers.

- Delivery & Course Directorship of mandatory pass/fail foundation training courses for all detection officers. Included the modular delivery & facilitation of classroom & technical skills sessions including law, initial questioning, search of baggage/persons, arrest & caution, interviewing, disclosure, and evidence.
- Overall line management responsibility of delegates including matters concerning attendance, conduct, discipline, and performance.

### **ANTI-SMUGGLING OFFICER – HM Port of Felixstowe, UK**

2004 - 2006

HM Customs & Excise (now UK Border Force) is responsible for managing UK border controls by protecting from a range of threats including terrorism,

smuggling, fraud, organized crime, human trafficking and illegal trade of items such as controlled goods, excise goods and firearms and offensive weapons.

- Operating control points at airports and seaports.
- Profiling passengers, goods, cargo, and vehicles for border offences.
- Search/Examination of vehicles, freight, vessels, persons, and baggage.
- Detecting and investigating offences arising from the movement of prohibited and restricted goods.
- Detection and seizure of cash in accordance with the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).
- Supporting aviation, maritime and international rail operations.
- Arrest and interview
- Operation of radiological nuclear detection equipment.

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#### VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- National Crime Agency (NCA) Financial Investigation Accreditation
  - National Crime Agency (NCA) Restraint & Confiscation Accreditation
  - OECD International Tax Crime Academy Graduate – “Managing Financial Investigations” Course.
  - Accreditation in Counter Fraud (CFPAB) with the University of Portsmouth.
  - OECD International Tax Crime Academy Graduate – “Managing Financial Investigations” course.
  - BTEC Level 3 – Advanced Diploma in Enforcement (Detection)
  - HMRC “Train The Trainer” (TTT) certified associate classroom trainer.
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