



IKD Member Profile & Report 2022

➤Member organisation:	The Association of British Investigators Limited
IKD membership since:	1969
Company Status:	Limited by guarantee. Professional body for all investigators whether private or public sector

➤Office and Officers

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<i>Secretariat:</i>	Tony IMOSSI & Daniella IMOSSI
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Date appointed:	2004
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➤Membership

Members:	430										
Directory of Members:	Yes										
Membership Categories:	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Full</td> <td>Retired</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Associate (public sector)</td> <td>Overseas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Provisional (up to 2 years)</td> <td>Affiliate (sector services/products)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life Member</td> <td>Corporate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary</td> <td>Consociate</td> </tr> </table>	Full	Retired	Associate (public sector)	Overseas	Provisional (up to 2 years)	Affiliate (sector services/products)	Life Member	Corporate	Honorary	Consociate
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➤ **Membership Criteria/Selection Process**

Member has provided evidence of identity:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Member has provided evidence of residential address:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Professional indemnity insurance:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, level of cover required:	£250,000	
Registered with national data protection supervisory authority:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal check:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, link to Policy Statement CLICK HERE		
Evidence of competence/qualifications:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
If yes what is minimum requirement: Level 3 Award for Professional Investigators		
Professional or character references:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
If yes how many references are taken: 2		
CV:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Sample Reports as evidence of capabilities:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Financial probity check (monetary judgments)		
Personal:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Corporate:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
Application of membership details circulated among members:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Website checked for ethical and compliance:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Membership application interview:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
Membership renewal required:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
If yes renewal period in years: 1		
If yes tick boxes for criteria reviewed:		
Other criteria:		

➤ **Laws and Bylaws**

Code of Ethics:	CLICK HERE
Disqualification:	Yes
Disciplinary procedures:	CLICK HERE

➤ **Licensing**

Government License:	No
Regulation proposed:	Yes



Licensing	Regulator:	Security Industry Authority
Regulations	altered:	N/A
Comments on Regulation:		N/A

➤ **Association Description:**

The Association of British Investigators is the longest established organisation representing professional Investigators in the UK with its foundations laid way back in 1913. With the absence of any statutory control of the investigation industry in the UK, The Association recognised the need for self-regulation many years ago and set very high standards to meet the criteria for membership opting for quality rather than quantity. Members are admitted only after stringent vetting. Members must conduct their business in a professional manner, with Professional Indemnity Insurance and by complying with a strict code of ethics with disciplinary procedures in place to monitor any transgressors. Members are also required to provide a Criminal Convictions Certificate no older than 3 years. A Governing Council normally consisting of up to 10 members including the President and the Chairman of the Board, oversees the administration of The Association, which is conducted day to day by the Secretariat team from the offices in Elstree. The Governing Council officers are democratically elected by the membership each year at an annual conference. The Association is recognized and supported by The Law Society of England & Wales, The Association is also the only sector accredited association with The Law Society of Scotland and the government body, The Drivers and Vehicle Licensing Agency giving members exclusive access to the vehicle keepers' database electronically in certain circumstances. Private Investigation as an activity is included in the process of regulation under the Private Security Act 2001 but has yet to be implemented.

➤ **Association Activities:**

The ABI is currently working on its own UK GDPR Code of Conduct which it is anticipated will be submitted to the data protection supervisory authority (the ICO) for approval soon after the close of the public consultation. The consultation closes on 16th September 2022.

There has since the introduction of the GDPR in 2018, a new world order developing in data protection. Whilst the GDPR is a direct regulation on the EU member states, many outside nations are adopting similar local legislation including the UK, not just for good governance, but as a pre-requisite to trade agreements within and outside Europe.

The ABI UK GDPR Code of Conduct, if approved, may form the template for other national sector representative bodies to use to pursue similar Code Ownership status in their respective countries.