



IKD Member Profile & Report 2025

➤ 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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<i>IKD Delegate:</i>	Tony Imossi
Date appointed:	2004
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➤ **Membership**

Members:	400
Directory of Members:	Yes
Membership Categories:	Full Associate (public sector) Provisional (up to 2 years) Life Member Honorary Retired Overseas Affiliate (sector services/products) Corporate Consociate



➤ Membership Criteria/Selection Process

Member has provided evidence of identity:
Member has provided evidence of residential address:
Professional indemnity insurance: level of cover required: £500,000
Registered with national data protection supervisory authority:
Criminal check:
Evidence of competence/qualifications: Attendance at an ABI UK GDPR workshop
Professional or character references:
CV:
Sample Reports as evidence of capabilities for Full status:
Personal: Financial probity check (monetary judgments)
Corporate: Financial probity check (monetary judgments)
Application of membership details circulated among members:
Website checked for ethical and compliance:
Membership application (UK applicants) review by video call:
Membership renewal required annually

➤ Laws and Bylaws

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

➤ Licensing

Government License:	No
Regulation proposed:	Yes, this is outlined in the Private Security Industry Act 2001; however, there are no current plans for the government to implement it, as it is awaiting the outcome of the ABI's application to the Information Commissioner's Office for approval of the ABI UK GDPR Code of Conduct. The Code was approved on October 15, 2024, and is now pending the approval of a Monitoring Body.
Licensing Regulator:	Security Industry Authority

➤ Association Description:

The Association of British Investigators (ABI) is the oldest organisation representing professional investigators in the UK, having been established in 1913. In light of the lack of statutory regulation in the UK investigation industry, the ABI recognised the importance of self-regulation many years ago and set high standards for membership, prioritising quality over quantity. Members are admitted only after a rigorous vetting process and must operate professionally, maintain Professional Indemnity Insurance, and adhere to a strict code of ethics and professional standards. Disciplinary procedures are in place to monitor compliance, and each member's Criminal Convictions Certificate is reviewed every three years.



➤ **Association Activities:**

In 2024, the ABI successfully established a UK GDPR Code of Conduct under Article 40, which was approved by the supervisory authority. This marked the first code to be approved for any sector in the UK.

Since the implementation of GDPR in 2018, a new paradigm in data protection has emerged. Although GDPR is a regulation specifically for EU member states, many countries outside of the EU, including the UK, are enacting similar legislation—not only for effective governance but also as a prerequisite for trade agreements both within Europe and beyond.

The ABI's UK GDPR Code of Conduct has the potential to serve as a model for other national sector representative organisations in the IKD seeking to achieve similar Code Ownership status in their own countries.