



DAY IN THE LIFE

ROCT Development Team



The Regional Organised Crime Team (ROCT) are an important capability within the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit. Recently, the syndicates restructured and the ROCT Development Team was born. The Development Team supports the ROCU and our forces by developing intelligence relating to serious and organised crime, progressing intelligence opportunities and identifying criminality operating across regional and national boundaries. We sat down with Sam from the Development Team to discuss her role in the team.

How long have you been in the ROCT?

S: I have been working in the development team in the ROCT since April 2026.

Tell us about a typical day in the role?

S: On a typical day we'll come in, review our ongoing operations and look for any opportunities to develop the intelligence picture. This could for example be through telecoms and ANPR work, covert tactics, financial enquiries, or targeted overt action.

Our usual shift pattern is 8am – 4pm but this can change depending on the needs of the operation.

What attracted you to join the NWROCU?

S: I was attracted to join the ROCU by the opportunity to work in covert policing, which is something that I hadn't really had any experience with in my previous role as a neighbourhood beat officer. I was also attracted by the prospect of working on regional-level jobs.

What training opportunities have been offered at the ROCU?

S: Since being here I've been supported to go through the PIP2 process and have also been given the opportunity to do advanced driving and surveillance courses.

What qualities do you think someone in your role should have?

S: Adaptability and attention to detail are key to the work that we do on the Development Team. When we're investigating a subject our intelligence picture can change rapidly and sometimes in unexpected ways, so we need to be flexible and ready to react to this.

Since joining the ROCU I've found that enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are more important than having prior experience working in SOC.

What are you currently working on?

S: I can't go into much detail on this but we have been working on an intelligence picture around a nominal who we believe is involved in the large-scale supply of Class A drugs in the region. We are also looking at nominals involved in the conveyance of contraband into the prison network.

What are you most proud of?

S: Since working in the ROCU, I have been proud of my work as a Disclosure Officer on an operation into the exploitation of children in online 'COM' groups. We've secured charges for three North West suspects.