Product Summary

UK Police Locations is a data pack containing location information for 1,300 police stations and contact points in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, along with operational boundaries for each police force. The data pack has been designed primarily for thematic mapping and to support analysis of crime statistics.

Data quality statement

Details of individual police stations and contact points were collected from UK police force websites in September 2016 or later. All identified police locations have been assigned coordinates using open data from Ordnance Survey and ONS. For most locations the geocoding is the postcode centroid and will be geographically close but not specific to the site address. However all force headquarters, as well as all locations in Northern Ireland, have been manually geocoded to the premises.

Addresses have not been matched or validated against PAF or any other third-party address dataset. Datadaptive has taken reasonable care to standardise the data and correct errors where apparent, but the accuracy and currency of the data is dependent on the input sources. In particular please note that a significant number of police stations have been closed to the public in recent years and some forces may not publicise all of their operational locations.

Data formats

Tabular data is normally supplied in CSV format, suitable for use in Excel and other common spreadsheet programmes. Spatial data is normally supplied in unstyled ESRI Shapefile format with the WGS84 projection. However we are happy to supply the data in other suitable formats.

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File Specifications

UK Police Locations – Points

File name:	POLICE_LOCATIONS
Record count:	1,300
Geographic coverage:	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
File format:	CSV and SHP (both supplied)

This file contains details of identified police locations including stations with front counter services, stations that are closed to the public but used for operational purposes (where known), and contact points in third-party premises such as council offices, libraries and supermarkets.

The SHP version includes a point object for each location derived from the LAT and LNG values, but otherwise has the same attributes as the CSV version.

Following is a table of the attributes provided for each location.

Field	Type	Description
LOCID	Text	Police location unique 11-character identifier (assigned by Datadaptive)
PFACODE	Text	Police Force Area code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PFAFNAME	Text	Police force full name
LOCNAME	Text	Police location name
FADDR	Text	Police location full address including postcode
ADDR1	Text	Police location address line 1
ADDR2	Text	Police location address line 2
ADDR3	Text	Police location address line 3
PC	Text	Police location postcode
ISHQ	Integer	Indicator that the location is a force headquarters (1 = True; 0 = False) *
ISNP	Integer	Indicator that the location is likely to normally be closed to the public (1 = True; 0 = False)
ISCP	Integer	Indicator that the location is likely to be a police contact point in a third-party premises (1 = True; 0 = False)
LAT	Decimal	WGS84 decimal latitude (usually of postcode centroid)
LNG	Decimal	WGS84 decimal longitude (usually of postcode centroid)
GEOSRC	Text	Geocoding source (CPAUG16 = OS Code-Point Open, August 2016; NSPLAUG16 = National Statistics Postcode Lookup, August 2016; MANUAL = manually assigned)

* Note: one location per police force is identified as a force headquarters, with the exception of Hampshire Constabulary which has headquarters functions split across three sites.

Following is a table showing the record count broken down by police force:

Police Force	Records	Police Force	Records
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	27	North Yorkshire Police	35
Bedfordshire Police	10	Northamptonshire Police	14
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	14	Northumbria Police	28
Cheshire Constabulary	30	Nottinghamshire Police	19
City of London Police	3	South Yorkshire Police	7
Cleveland Police	15	Staffordshire Police	21
Cumbria Constabulary	10	Suffolk Constabulary	18
Derbyshire Constabulary	7	Surrey Police	12
Devon & Cornwall Police	11	Sussex Police	41
Dorset Police	11	Thames Valley Police	18
Durham Constabulary	13	Warwickshire Police	12
Essex Police	13	West Mercia Police	7
Gloucestershire Constabulary	9	West Midlands Police	33
Greater Manchester Police	22	West Yorkshire Police	25
Hampshire Constabulary	47	Wiltshire Police	8
Hertfordshire Constabulary	22		
Humberside Police	24	Dyfed-Powys Police	41
Kent Police	17	Gwent Police	5
Lancashire Constabulary	25	North Wales Police	9
Leicestershire Police	16	South Wales Police	9
Lincolnshire Police	40		
Merseyside Police	14	Police Service of Northern Ireland	27
Metropolitan Police	215		
Norfolk Constabulary	10	Police Scotland	286

UK Police Forces

File name: POLICE_FORCES
Record count: 45
Geographic coverage: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
File format: CSV

This file contains central postal, web and social media addresses for each police force. Postal addresses may be PO boxes and not the same as the premises address for force headquarters.
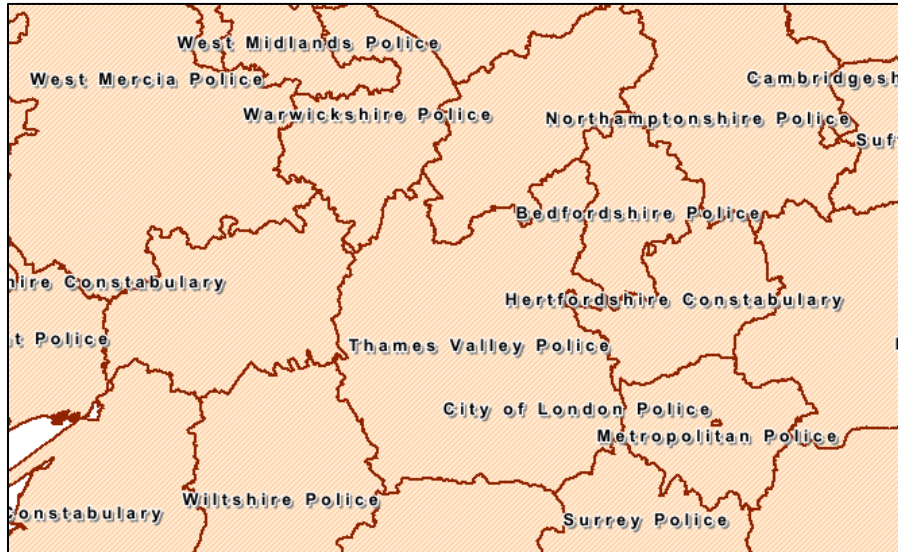
Following is a table of the attributes provided for each force.

Field	Type	Description
PFACODE	Text	Police Force Area code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PFANAME	Text	Police Force Area name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PFAFNAME	Text	Police force full name
PFAWEB	Text	Police force web address
PFASM1	Text	Social media address: main Twitter account (if in use)
PFASM2	Text	Social media address: main Facebook account (if in use)
PFASM3	Text	Social media address: main Youtube account (if in use)
PFASM4	Text	Social media address: main Flickr account (if in use)
PFAFADDR	Text	Police force full postal address including postcode
PFAADDR1	Text	Police force postal address line 1
PFAADDR2	Text	Police force postal address line 2
PFAADDR3	Text	Police force postal address line 3
PFAPC	Text	Police force postal postcode

UK Police Force Areas

File name:	UK_Police_Force_Areas
Record count:	45
Geographic coverage:	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
File format:	SHP

This file is a spatial dataset containing polygons for the operational boundaries of each police force.

Following is a table of the attributes provided for each force boundary.

Field	Type	Description
PFACODE	Text	Police Force Area code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PFANAME	Text	Police Force Area name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PFAFNAME	Text	Police force full name

Note: this dataset is also available in Datadaptive's UK Police Boundaries data pack

Local Resilience Forums

File name: EW_Local_Resilience_Forums
Record count: 42
Geographic coverage: England and Wales
File format: SHP

This file is a spatial dataset containing polygons for the boundaries of each Local Resilience Forum area. LRF areas are contiguous with individual police force areas for England and Wales, with the exception of the London LRF which covers the areas of both the Metropolitan and City of London forces.

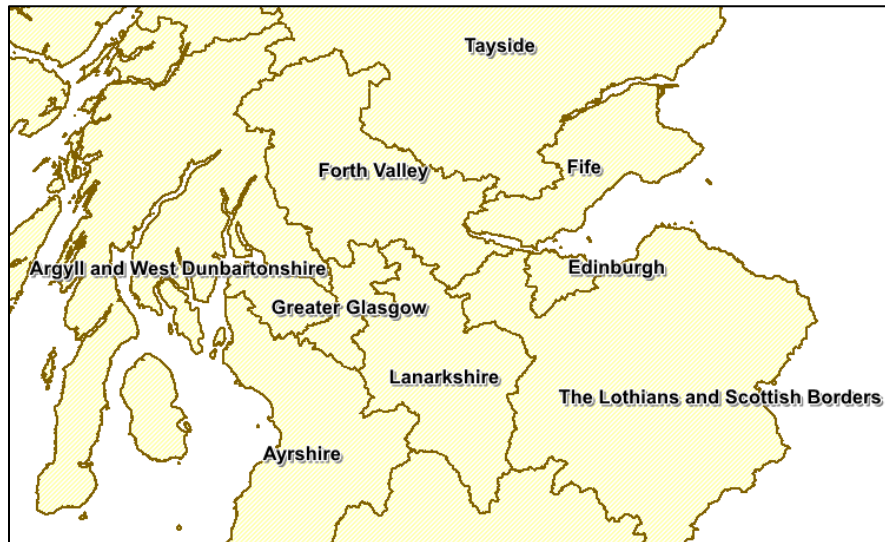Following is a table of the attributes provided for each LRF boundary.

Field	Type	Description
LRFCODE	Text	Local Resilience Forum code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
LRFNAME	Text	Local Resilience Forum name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)

Note: this dataset is also available in Datadaptive's UK Police Boundaries data pack, and a similar version of the dataset is also available at no cost from ONS.

Scotland Police Divisions

File name: Scotland_Police_Divisions
Record count: 13
Geographic coverage: Scotland
File format: SHP

Police Divisions are aggregations of local authority areas created to enable policing at the local level in Scotland. This file is a spatial dataset containing polygons for the boundaries of each Police Division.

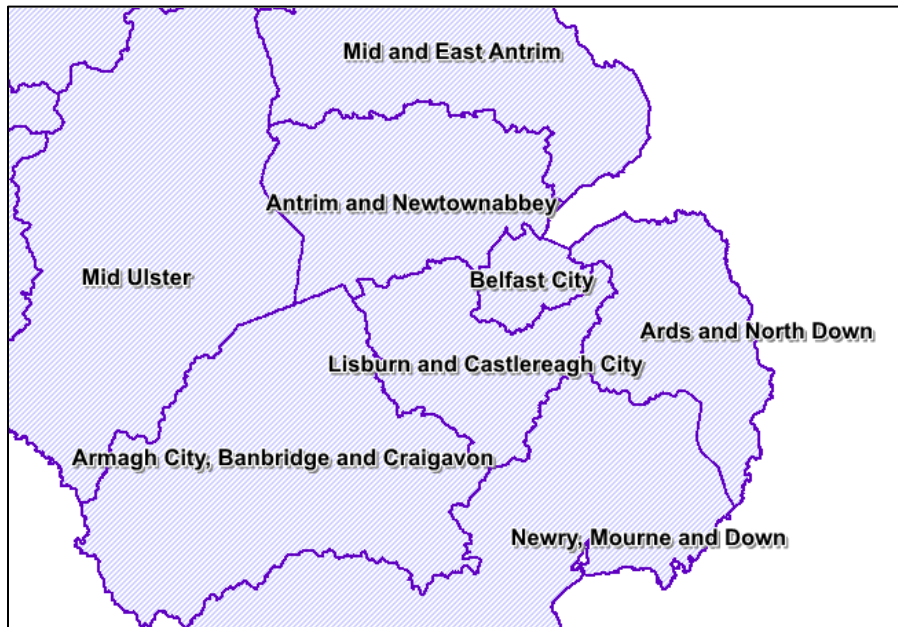Following is a table of the attributes provided for each Police Division boundary.

Field	Type	Description
PDIVCODE	Text	Police Division code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PDIVNAME	Text	Police Division name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PDIVACODE	Text	Police Division administrative code (retained from Scottish Government source)

Note: this dataset is also available in Datadaptive's UK Police Boundaries data pack, and a similar version of the dataset is also available at no cost from the Scottish Government.

Northern Ireland Policing Districts

File name: NI_Policing_Districts
Record count: 11
Geographic coverage: Northern Ireland
File format: SHP

Policing Districts are aggregations of local government district boundaries created to enable policing at the local level in Northern Ireland. This file is a spatial dataset containing polygons for the boundaries of each Policing District area.

Following is a table of the attributes provided for each Policing District boundary.

Field	Type	Description
PDCODE	Text	Police Force District code (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)
PDNAME	Text	Police Force District name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes, February 2017)

Note: this dataset is also available in Datadaptive's UK Police Boundaries data pack.