



IKD Member Profile & Report 2023

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| ➤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>Registered office:</i> | Brentano Suite, Catalyst House, Centennial Park, Elstree WD6 3SY |
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| Logo (insert jpg or link): | CLICK HERE |

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| <i>President:</i> | Vince BUTLER |
| Date appointed: | 21 st April 2022 |
| Agency: | VTK Investigations Limited |
| Email: | vince_Butler@theABI.org.uk |

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| <i>Secretariat:</i> | Tony IMOSSI & Daniella IMOSSI |
| Date appointed: | 15 th September 2016 |
| Agency: | ABI Secretariat Limited |
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| <i>IKD Delegate:</i> | Tony Imossi |
| Date appointed: | 2004 |
| Agency: | CLICK HERE |
| Address: | London |

➤Membership

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

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

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

➤ **Licensing**

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| Government License: | No |
| Regulation proposed: | Yes by the Private Security Industry Act 2001 but no current plans for government to implement, pending outcome of ABI's application to the Information Commissioner's Office for approval of the ABI UKGDPR Code of Conduct. |
| Licensing Regulator: | Security Industry Authority |
| Regulations altered: | N/A |



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| Comments on Regulation: | N/A |
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➤ **Association Description:**

The Association of British Investigators (ABI) 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 ABI 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 & professional standards, with disciplinary procedures in place to monitor any transgressors. Members are also requested to provide a Criminal Convictions Certificate no older than 3 years. A Governing Council normally consisting of a minimum of 7 and up to 10 Full members (of more than 2-years) 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.

➤ **Association Activities:**

The ABI is currently working on its own UK GDPR Code of Conduct which it is anticipated has been submitted to the data protection supervisory authority (the ICO) for approval.

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.

The ABI's Code project is not fully supported by other trade bodies who continue to campaign for statutory regulation.

The ABI did invite both other trade bodies to work with the ABI but this did not gain positive responses. The ABI has however opened its activities for non member participation by sharing most of its industry articles on LinkedIn and changing its next annual conference to all professional investigators.

The ABI continues to move towards adopting the term "Professional Investigations".