

commission of offenses in the field of economy, as well as taking measures to eliminate them, etc.

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Fighting Corruption in Great Britain

Problems of corruption in Great Britain are the focus of attention of criminologists and practical law enforcement officers. The police carry out the investigation of crimes which fall under the characteristics of corruption. There is a special section in the structure of anti-fraud department of police in Great Britain where investigators work. They investigate crimes in public and state sector. If losses from corrupt practices exceed 2 millions Britain pounds or a crime is serious enough such offence will be investigated by SeriousFraudOffice.

SeriousFraudOffice (SFO) is an independent governmental department which carries out its activity only on the territory of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Its jurisdiction doesn't extend on Scotland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands. At present time corruption matters in Great Britain are handled according to the norms of common law (based on legal proceedings and customs) and statutory law.

The main document containing the powers of SFO is the "Criminal Proceedings" Act 1987. According to this Act SeriousFraudOffice conducts investigations in cooperation with police. The formation of SFO or involvement of police officers with case investigations in SFO didn't influence the constitutional independence of police bodies. Its organizational structure and accountability kept the same. The activity of SFO is based on the strong collaborative relationship with police. Police officers are a part of investigative groups. Participation of police in the SFO's activity is very effective because professional experience of police officers and their knowledge of on-scene situation enhance special knowledge of SFO officers which are mainly in the sphere of finances and law. But police officers don't have special powers as some officers of SFO do.

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