Medical Standards for Police Recruitment

The Force Medical Advisor uses Home Office guidance to consider medical conditions when people apply to become a police officer, conducting independent assessments and assessing each person’s medical history on an individual basis.

We understand that before they begin the application process, some applicants wish to clarify if there are any medical conditions which could be problematic when applying to become a police officer.

The College of Policing has developed a pre-application questionnaire which allows applicants to check their eligibility for the role; the questionnaire covers the eyesight standards for the role too. It is available here. In addition to this, applicants must have a BMI which is in the range of 18 -30.