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Position: Head of Office/Duty Solicitor	
<p>Mark is Head of Office at the Cheltenham office having joined the PDS as a senior solicitor in 2004. As Head he is responsible for his own cases in the police station and magistrates court as well as managing the Cheltenham office and contributing to the overall management of the PDS.</p> <p>Mark qualified as a solicitor in 1984. Prior to joining the PDS Mark worked in private practice in Worcestershire and Birmingham and has been a Duty Solicitor since the inception of the scheme in 1985. He has dealt with cases at all levels and since joining the PDS has handled cases from murder, attempted murder and rape through assaults at all levels of seriousness down to motoring offences. He has also dealt with suspects detained for terrorist offences and dealt with by counter terrorism officers and handled complex money laundering cases.</p> <p>Throughout his career Mark has worked to improve the contribution and recognition of defence solicitors in the operation of the Criminal Justice System, serving as the coordinator on two local duty solicitor schemes and was vice chairman of the West Midlands Area Duty Solicitor committee. He is currently an elected representative for Gloucestershire Duty Solicitors and is involved in the training of police officers and magistrates.</p>	