



Statement re fall in police numbers

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Responding to today's announcement about the fall in police officer numbers, Paul McKeever, Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, says:

“Regrettably, the dramatic decline in police officer numbers comes as no surprise to us as the service contends with a minimum 20% cut to budgets.

“How can we possibly provide the same level of service to the public if we are losing thousands of officers? Today's announcement is just the tip of the iceberg, as we will see even fewer police officers available as we embark on policing the biggest security event this country has ever seen, the Olympic Games.

“It is deeply disappointing that the Coalition Government's decision to cut the police budget was taken purely for fiscal reasons, without any regard for the impact on public safety.”

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