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Pamela Collier, former officer with Birmingham City Police, 1966 - 1978

Born in Birmingham on 22 December 1946.

Pam was a GPO telephonist before joining Birmingham City Police in December 1966.

Following three and a half years in uniform, Pam transferred to CID which included 5 years seconded to the anti-terrorist squad.

Pam resigned in January 1978 to pursue a career with a Building Society and managed an office for ten years.

In 1988, Pam worked as a civilian Coroner’s Officer for the Birmingham and Solihull Coroner, West Midlands Police, retiring in September 1995.

Chief Constable Lynne Owens QPM, MA
Surrey Police

Lynne began her police career in the Metropolitan Police Service, posted to Catford, South East London. She transferred to Kent Police on promotion to Sergeant, where she trained and specialised as a detective. As a Detective Chief Inspector she was posted to the force
major crime department as a Senior Investigating officer.

On transferring to Surrey in 2002, Lynne became BCU Commander of a division, covering three boroughs. In 2005, she undertook the Strategic Command Course, subsequently being selected as an Assistant Chief Constable.

In March 2008, Lynne was appointed to Temporary Deputy Chief Constable, leading a significant organisational change programme, professional standards department and collaboration in the South East Region. In April 2009, she transferred to the Metropolitan Police Service as Deputy Assistant Commissioner responsible for Operations within Territorial Policing.

In December 2010, she took up the role of Assistant Commissioner as part of the MPS Management Board. She led on public order and event policing, including the delivery of the Royal Wedding in 2011, as well as other, predominantly uniformed Police Services. From August 2011, she was also responsible for the Specialist Crime Directorate.

Lynne was appointed Chief Constable of Surrey Police in February 2012.

She was awarded the Queens Police Medal for distinguished service in the New Year’s Honours (2008).