

Vision 2020 – Developing Specialist and Digital Capabilities



Sarah Thornton
Chair, National Police Chiefs' Council

Sara Thornton is the first Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council.

Sara joined the Metropolitan Police Service in 1986 and over the next fifteen years her career alternated between operational postings in West London and strategic roles within New Scotland Yard. She served with Thames Valley Police as Assistant Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable and Acting Chief Constable before holding the role of Chief Constable for eight years until March 2015. She has also been Chair of ACPO Intelligence Portfolio, Vice-Chair of ACPO Terrorism and Allied Matters, Director of the Police National Assessment Centre and ACPO Vice-President.

Sara was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 2006 and made a Commander in the Order of the British Empire in 2011. She has also been recognised with a Career Achievement Award from the Police Training Authority Trustees and the Sir Robert Peel Medal for Outstanding Leadership in Evidence-Based Policing.



Nicholas Binnichon
Temp Police Sergeant, City of London Police

Nick has been with the City Police since 2008, serving in a variety of roles including response, economic crime, and the proactive crime squad. Nick has been a public order trained officer for many years, and has been involved in high profile events such as the Whitehall student protests, London riots, and Northern Ireland.

Most recently Nick undertook the challenge 2 years ago, of joining the Mobile Working Project to role out tablets to frontline officers to improve their access to information, and streamlining processes whilst increasing data quality.



Chris Sims, NPCC Specialist Capabilities Programme

Chris Sims began his policing career in 1980 with the Metropolitan Police force, rising to the rank of Chief Inspector.

He moved to Staffordshire Police in 1994 on promotion to Superintendent. He left Staffordshire in March 1999 to take up the role of Assistant Chief Constable for West Midlands Police. Sims was later appointed Deputy Chief Constable – a post he held for three years. During his time with West Midlands Police, Sims was seconded to Nottinghamshire Police to act as a strategic advisor.

Before taking up his previous role as Chief Constable of Staffordshire in September 2007, Chris was the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Policing Policy and Practice at the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) based in London. He was responsible for research and evaluation, doctrine development and implementation and portfolio management.

Chris took up new responsibilities as Chief Constable of West Midlands Police on 1 June 2009. He retired as Chief Constable of the force on 31 December 2015. Chris was awarded an OBE for services to the police in the 2003 New Years Honours and a Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service in 2010.



**Giles York, Chief Constable
Sussex Police**

As Chief Constable of Sussex Police, Giles York works closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, and leads the Chief Officer team for Sussex Police.

Giles started his service in Maidstone with Kent Police in 1990. In 2005 Giles was appointed as Assistant Chief Constable with South Wales Police and in 2008 was appointed as Deputy Chief Constable with Sussex Police.

In 2014 he was promoted to Chief Constable for Sussex Police. He is the National Police Business Area lead for Workforce Futures and the national leadership portfolio within that. Giles was awarded the Queen's Policing Medal in the 2015 New Years Honours.