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Kamran Qureshi became a Federation rep for the same reason he joined the Metropolitan Police – to help and support others.

“I made a mistake and was facing a complaint. It was a minor thing that was blown out of all proportion. It was worrying but the Federation helped straighten it out.

“During my 18 years in policing I’ve learned that there are many rules and regulations and with human error it isn’t difficult to receive a complaint. What’s more, due to the lengthy processes, even a minor complaint can take 12 months or more to resolve. The stress of being under investigation and potential restrictions is a clear mental health issue.

“Standing for election to become a Federation rep can be daunting if you are not used to selling yourself.”

Kamran’s advice is to be “honest and sincere”.

“It is always very satisfying to help others and even more so when it’s friends and colleagues.”

“A good rep listens, knows regulations and will challenge where necessary. Most issues can be resolved with early resolution, so negotiation skills are important too. These are core strengths of every police officer.”

Kamran advises anyone thinking of becoming a rep to shadow someone and be aware of what the role entails.

Could you be a Fed rep? Find out how you can get involved at www.polfed.org/repsatwork