

SUE AKERS, QPM

COMMANDER

METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE



Sue joined the MPS in 1976 and has spent the vast majority of her career in the CID. She has served at police stations all over London, including Fulham, Sutton, Rochester Row, Hornsey and Wembley.

Specialist postings have included the Serious and Organised Crime Group on a variety of squads, including a lengthy attachment to the Flying Squad and three years on an armed surveillance unit. She also trained as a hostage negotiator in 1991.

As a Detective Inspector she managed the Child Protection Team at Islington where she experienced the beginnings of real partnership working in policing. She has specialised in murder investigation at three ranks - Detective Inspector, Detective Chief Inspector and Detective Superintendent, in between performing more conventional borough-based roles in those ranks.

In 2000, she was the staff officer for the newly selected Deputy Commissioner, Sir Ian Blair and left that appointment to join Barnet Borough, where she spent three years as the Borough Commander.

She attended the Strategic Command Course in 2004, after which she promoted to Commander and appointed to the position of Director of Professional Standards, a role that had a wide-ranging responsibility, including anti-corruption investigations, public complaints and internal investigations, misconduct issues and other civil claims against the Metropolitan Police Service.

She has now returned to the business of specialist crime and currently holds the post of Commander, Organised Crime and Criminal Networks. This role involves responsibility for gun crime in London, including Operations Trident and Trafalgar, (which focus on specific communities), disrupting organised criminal networks and tackling commercial robberies. She also has responsibility for kidnaps and hostage negotiating, including those occurring overseas.

She was awarded the Queens Police Medal for services to policing in the 2007 Queen's birthday honours.