

AMANDA COOPER

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THAMES VALLEY POLICE



Amanda has had a career that spans both the public and the private sector. Her first role was Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer in the NHS. She worked in the Haematology and Blood Transfusion department in two hospitals in Oxfordshire and gained professional qualifications relating to this work. After six years she moved to a commercial DNA testing laboratory based at Abingdon and was engaged in testing for paternity, immigration, forensic cases and genetic diagnostics. She progressed through the organisation over 14 years to become Operations Manager.

In 2002 Amanda joined Thames Valley Police as the Scientific Support Manager. She became their first police staff member in this role and used her relevant business and process management skills to implement organisational change and performance improvement. This role enabled Amanda to get significant involvement in the ACPO Forensic Portfolio and she undertook a number of pieces of work within national programmes. In 2007 Amanda was successful at the Police Staff PNAC and she completed the 2007 Senior Command Course. Following this she was involved in a national project for Chief Constable Peter Neyroud and Chief Constable Peter Fahey, and regional project around collaboration. In September 2008 she was appointed to a new Acting Chief Officer role with a portfolio comprising Information, IT, Corporate Communications and Strategic Development. In July 2009 she was successful in her application for the new Chief Officer role, Director of Information, Science and Technology.

Amanda is married and has a son called Danny who is now six.