

LYNNE POTTS
ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER
GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE



Lynne was the first female member of GMP's Command Team.

Born and bred on the Wirral, Lynne is a modern languages graduate and qualified teacher from Liverpool University. Having decided not to pursue a career in teaching, Lynne qualified as a Chartered Accountant in London whilst working with Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

Post qualification Lynne worked in London for 12 months before moving on promotion to accountancy posts at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Walton Hospital and the NHS Executive. She became the Deputy Director of Finance at the Queen's Medical Centre of Nottingham in 1995. In 1998 she was appointed Director of Finance at South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust and also took responsibility for the Human Resources function in 2002.

In January 2003 Lynne joined the Police Service as Force Finance Director for Greater Manchester Police. She was promoted to Assistant Chief Officer in September 2003. Her current portfolio includes the Operational Communications Branch, the Finance Branch, the Information Technology Branch and Information Management Branch, the Facilities and Estates Branch and the Force's Business Services and Procurement Branch. She is a serving member of the ACPO Finance and Business Resources and Information Management Committees and takes a national lead on Fleet Management. She chairs the Police National Network User Committee and is a member of the Business Design Authority of the IMPACT Programme.

Lynne is committed to making the Police Service accessible to all sections of the community and to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively. She is currently leading two large programmes of change within the Force. The first involving the Operational Communications Branch which will completely re-engineer the way the Force responds to calls, the prime objective being to ensure that calls to the police are answered promptly and effectively. The second is in relation to the Force's Estate Strategy Review in respect of a new Police Headquarters and other Police buildings.

Outside work Lynne is a keen sports enthusiast, enjoying lacrosse, running and arguing with her other half Kevin whilst playing Golf.