

HEATHER VALENTINE

T/DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE

HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE



In 2007 Heather Valentine was appointed as Assistant Chief Constable (Specialist Operations) for Hertfordshire Constabulary. Heather has undertaken a number of roles within the Chief Officer team in Hertfordshire including ACC Protective Services, Territorial Policing and Citizen Focus since 2007. In September 2010, she was selected to fill the Deputy Chief Constable post on an interim basis for 6 months, prior to a formal selection for a permanent appointment.

Heather began her policing career with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in 1979.

In 1999, as a Detective Superintendent, Heather headed the Lawrence Review Team during the period leading up to, and immediately after, the publication of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report. She contributed to the organisational changes embraced by the MPS after the publication of the report.

Heather was later promoted to Chief Superintendent and was head of training. She held this post for two years before becoming borough commander for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, in 2003. This involved the policing of three football grounds: Chelsea, Fulham and Queens Park Rangers.

She was the local ground commander on July 21, 2005 for the terrorist attack at Shepherds Bush LTE station, and was closely involved in the work to reassure communities in the borough after the 7/7 and 21/7 attacks.