

# Being in a frontline job where you can save lives

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A response officer tells us how he helps vulnerable people in need

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Every minute of PC Dai Holmes' job as a response officer on the front line is challenging, rewarding and different, where for him policing is 'a second family'.

Dai started his career at the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) where he gained an insight into the law. Then, after a brief stint in the Criminal Justice Board, he served as a civilian investigator at South Wales Police for nearly 10 years – building up his interviewing and investigative knowledge, while also working on prison handling and with the child abuse unit.

He went on to join the response team at Nottinghamshire Police. 'I'm not an office-based person, you know, I like to be out and about, and I like to see that I've helped somebody at the end of the day,' he says.

Alongside his day job, Dai tutors other officers and supports them with the career path in policing – a role that he finds incredibly satisfying.

*Be yourself, listen to other people, take on board any constructive criticism that you've got and use that to build.*

**PC Dai Holmes**

## Great camaraderie on response

Hear from PC Dai Holmes on how he used his expertise from the civil service and applied it to his day job in protecting the public.

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