

Police hire more women than ever before

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The Home Office reported an increase in women joining the police between July and September 2021

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In total, 11,053 officers have been hired across England and Wales as part of the Police Uplift Programme. Female officers accounted for 45% (1,451) of all new joiners between July and September 2021.

Moreover, over the last year, eight forces – Derbyshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Kent, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Sussex and Thames Valley – have hired more women than men.

The police force is the most ethnically diverse it has ever been in its history, with officers from ethnic minority groups making up 7.9% of all officers.

Chief Constable Andy Marsh, CEO of the College of Policing, welcomed the new recruitment figures, describing them as 'extremely positive'.

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