

# We appoint DCC Maggie Blyth as our Deputy CEO

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Maggie joins us from the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), where she was National Police Lead for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

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Maggie's new role will include leading our corporate development, governance, communications and? overseeing the College improvement portfolio. ?

On her first day in the job, she said:

*I am delighted to be appointed as Deputy Chief Executive at the College. The College has made real progress in improving leadership, standards and ensuring consistency across our 43 forces over the last few years. I am excited to help contribute to this important work as I take up this role.*

*Over the last two years, I have been honoured to have the opportunity to lead the response to violence against women and girls, and work alongside talented and enthused people and stakeholders. We have made huge strides forward and I know joining the College of Policing will enable the work we have started to be fully embedded into policing.*

Maggie's 30-year career has focused on protecting the public. Starting out in the Probation Service, she went on to specialise in youth justice. Maggie was responsible for setting up the first youth offending team arrangements in 1998 and took a leadership role at the Youth Justice Board for England Wales from 2000 to 2005.

She worked for local government child protection services from 2006 to 2016, where she had senior oversight of child protection arrangements and worked on high profile child sexual exploitation and domestic homicide operations. During this time she was a member of the Parole Board for England and Wales, where she advised on the release of the most serious and persistent criminals.

After completing the College's strategic command course, she was promoted to Assistant Chief Constable in May 2019, overseeing local policing and public protection across Hampshire.

In October 2021 she took up the role of National Police Lead for VAWG at the NPCC. Here she was responsible for agreeing and delivering the VAWG strategy, which focused on interventions to prevent violence, target perpetrators and help victims to achieve justice.

*I'm delighted to welcome Maggie to this role. As the national VAWG lead she has already worked closely with the College and her vast experience in public protection, both as a chief officer and her work with young people, will bring a new dimension to the College. I'm sure that her appointment will help us to continue to take forward our work to support policing and keep the public safe.*

**Chief Constable Andy Marsh, College of Policing CEO**

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