



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Durham Police Authority's engagement recognised as 'Excellence'

Durham Police Authority was a runner up in the Association of Police Authorities (APA) award for 'Excellence in Community Engagement' at the Association's annual conference. The award noted that Durham Police Authority is at the cutting edge for addressing crime issues through its innovative 'upstream' youth engagement approach.

The APA Recognising Excellence Awards identify local police authority excellence at a national level, and help to ensure that the good practice and lessons learnt are shared with others.

Elsie Davies, Deputy Chair of Durham Police Authority, said; "I am delighted that Durham Police Authority is recognised for the work that we do. "

"Effective community engagement is at the heart of Durham Police Authority's work. Our particular approach to engaging with young people is about delivering better outcomes for communities and making County Durham and Darlington the most safe and family friendly communities to be a part of.

"Winning the hearts and minds of our younger population by promoting positive perceptions of policing is key to the future well being for all who live and work in our area."

Association of Police Authorities Chairman, Bob Jones, said: "Too often police authorities do not receive the widespread recognition they deserve for the excellent work they carry out up and down the country.

"This is the first time that the APA has held the Recognising Excellence awards, but the interest, enthusiasm and general high calibre of the nominations by police authorities has been overwhelming.

Notes to Editors

Durham Police Authority is an independent body responsible for ensuring Durham Constabulary delivers an efficient and effective police service. It is made up of 17 local people who include 9 councillors, 3 magistrates and 5 members of the public who are the independent members.

The Authority ensures that the Constabulary is accountable to the people of County Durham and Darlington and ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.

The Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget for the Constabulary and, following consultation with local communities, mapping out the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher.

The Authority's vision

“To be the effective voice of our communities in securing delivery of the highest quality policing.”

Our mission

“Working in partnership to ensure fair, effective and visible policing”

The Authority aims to: -

- Exercise strong and effective leadership in partnership working
- Engage positively with our Citizens and Communities to build confidence in local policing.
- Promote equality, tolerance and respect for human rights.
- Scrutinise and challenge police performance & procedures to secure continuous improvement
- Ensure Effective use of resources

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