

PATRICIA GALLAN, QPM

Deputy Assistant Commissioner

METROPOLITAN POLICE



Patricia Gallan is Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Specialist Operations - Security and Protection. Patricia re-joined the Metropolitan Police Service in May 2012 as Deputy Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Directorate of Professionalism. Prior to this she was on secondment to the Home Office as a temporary Deputy Chief Constable, working in the Police Value for Money Team. From January 2006 until her appointment in the MPS, Patricia was a Chief Officer in Merseyside Police. Patricia joined Merseyside as ACC with responsibility for operational support, with a portfolio ranging from major and serious and organised crime to the Mounted Branch and Roads Policing. In April 2009 she took over the Citizen Focus Portfolio before being appointed as the Temporary Deputy Chief Constable in October 2009. From 2006 to 2012 she was the Chair of the ACPO National Undercover Working Group and the National Source Working Group.

Born and brought up in Scotland, Patricia joined the Metropolitan Police Service in 1987. She began her policing career in the East End of London, where she served in Uniform before transferring to the CID.

In March 2000, Patricia transferred to Specialist Operations at New Scotland Yard, and was Head of the MPS unit with responsibility to the Director of Intelligence on all matters relating to informants within the MPS. Trained in 1997 as a Hostage Negotiator, Patricia was regularly deployed at domestic sieges and kidnaps of various types and duration. As a Detective Superintendent, she served in the Criminal Investigations Branch (SO11) working in covert policing. Her final posting in the MPS was as Staff Officer to the then Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolis, where she was promoted in post to Detective Chief Superintendent.

Patricia was appointed Assistant Chief Constable with the National Crime Squad in January 2005, taking command of a wide and varied portfolio including undercover policing operations, informants and witness protection.