

Robin Smith, Assistant Chief Constable, British Transport Police

As a national police force, unlike our Home Office colleagues, we are not hampered by geographical boundaries. This puts us at a distinct advantage, as we have the flexibility to deploy resources and implement initiatives across the UK, targeting those areas that need us most. That is why, in redefining the areas of responsibility for COG, we have introduced the role of **ACC Territorial Policing**.

This role has responsibility for each of the divisions within the Force, working extremely closely with Divisional and Sub-Divisional Commanders. Having the majority of uniformed officers who deliver core frontline policing at division level under his leadership, a major part of the job is to enable more flexible deployment of officers across the network, to maximise our nationwide remit.

Robin's 31-year career has given him a wealth of experience, having taken on a number of senior roles for Sussex Police, including as Head of Operations Command and Head of Crime and Public Protection.

After gaining himself a reputation for improving service delivery in partnership with stakeholders and his colleagues, he more recently served as T/Deputy Chief Constable for both Surrey and Sussex Police and was the National Police Lead for Neighbourhood Policing and Response Policing.

Robin joined Sussex Police at the age of 19 to follow in his father's footsteps as a police officer.

He later married his wife – who works in the airline industry – after meeting her while he was posted near Gatwick Airport. Together they have two teenage sons and live in Sussex with Jim, an ex-police dog. A keen golfer, he was once the President of Sussex Police's golf team.

Robin is also director, trustee and dedicated supporter of the **Gurney Fund** for police orphans who offer educational or developmental support for police orphans.