

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WOOD QPM

John WOOD was born in Stoke-on-Trent in 1956. He is married to Lesley and has a daughter, Rachael who is 16 and son, Jonathan who is 10.

He joined Staffordshire Police in March 1977 progressed through the ranks to Divisional Commander at Stafford in 1993 and Stoke in 1995. Since 1999 he has been Divisional Commander for Stoke-on-Trent which comprises a total 870 staff, including Police Officers, Support Staff and Special Constables.

He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal QPM in the 2006 New Year's Honours List.

Currently, Stoke-on-Trent is the pathfinder for the Neighbourhood Policing Programme which is about identifying and addressing neighbourhood priorities, improving community engagement and delivering safer neighbourhoods where people are confident that police and partners are working with them to deal with the issues that are of local concern.

He is an active member of several key partnerships in Stoke-on-Trent including Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Board member of the Local Strategic Partnership with lead responsibility for Safer and Stronger Communities, Partnership Against Racism in North Staffordshire (PARINS) and Board member of Renew, a housing regeneration programme.

He played a leading role in the highly successful Policing Priority Area at Cobridge and is an experienced police football match commander, public order and firearms incident commander.

His educational attainments include a degree in law (L.L.B.) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (D.M.S.) from Staffordshire University.

His interests and hobbies including spending time with his young family, gardening, squash and many types of sport.