

**HELEN BALL**  
**DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**  
**METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**



I was appointed Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Senior National Co-ordinator Counter Terrorism Policing in August 2013 and I additionally took over as line manager of the Met's Counter Terrorism Command.

I was previously appointed as DAC for Territorial Policing in the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in November 2012. In this role, I was the MPS lead for Public Confidence and Victim Satisfaction, as well as the Territorial Policing lead for implementing a significant change to neighbourhood policing in London. My portfolio also included the Central Communications Command which managed all the 999 emergency calls and the 101 non-emergency calls, and the Safer Transport Command.

I previously worked as the Assistant Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police from July 2010, where I led on counter-terrorism in the South East Region and on Crime and Intelligence at Force level. I also led on the policing of Oxfordshire. I am an accredited Strategic Firearms Commander and ACPO CT Commander.

Prior to this I was a police officer in the Metropolitan Police in London for almost 23 years. I trained as a hostage negotiator in 1996 and became a negotiator coordinator in 1998. I undertook a variety of roles in the Met including running initial training for new police recruits, carrying out the merger of the Royal Parks Constabulary into the Met, and working in specialist firearms. In January 2007, I became head of Trident, the Met Unit that is now the Trident Gang Crime Command, and in March 2010 I took on the oversight of Operational Information, Intelligence and Learning.

Before joining the police in 1987, I took a degree in English Language and Literature at Aberdeen University, trained as a teacher, and worked in publishing. I was born and brought up in Oxford.