

# **JUDITH GILLESPIE OBE**

## **DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE**

### **POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND**



Judith Gillespie joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1982.

Having achieved the Baton of Honour during her initial training Judith went on to rise steadily through the ranks, gaining a wide range of experience in various roles, including operational policing in Greater Belfast and Newtownards, Traffic Branch, Staff Officer to Chief Officers, co-ordinator of Child Abuse and Rape Enquiry Units and Head of Drugs Squad.

Judith was the first female officer from the RUC/PSNI to attend the Strategic Command Course at Bramshill and the first female Assistant Chief Constable within the PSNI. In this role Judith established the new Criminal Justice Department and led on military withdrawal as ACC Rural.

On 1 June 2009 Judith was appointed Deputy Chief Constable with responsibility for leading on Professional Standards, Legal Services, Process Improvement, Cross Border Co-operation and Corporate Governance.

Academic successes include the Scotvec Prize, awarded to the top student on the HNC in Police Studies, a BA Honours degree in 1992 in Public Policy and Administration, and a Masters in Applied Criminology from Cambridge University in 2005.

Judith received an OBE in the Birthday Honours List, June 2009.

Judith was appointed Acting Chief Constable in August 2009 and remained in this post until the appointment of Matt Baggott as Chief Constable on the 22 September 2009.

Judith is married with two daughters.