

**Assistant Chief Constable Nick Downing – Serious Crime Directorate
(Kent Police and Essex Police)**

Nick Downing was appointed as Assistant Chief Constable for Kent and Essex Police in July 2017 with responsibility for the collaborated Serious Crime Directorate, which provides intelligence and support to tackle serious and organised criminals across Kent and Essex.

Prior to joining Kent and Essex Police, ACC Nick Downing was a Temporary Commander for the west area of London, with leadership of over 5,000 colleagues, 10 London boroughs and portfolio responsibility for protecting vulnerable people across territorial policing.

ACC Nick Downing had 28 years of policing experience with the Metropolitan Police Service across a diverse variety of disciplines. These included two years as Borough Commander on Hillingdon Borough and postings to the London Boroughs of Newham, Sutton, Southwark and Croydon. He spent three years working as part of the Territorial Support Group and three years at Heathrow Airport where he performed a number of roles.

ACC Nick Downing spent nine years as a Detective in specialist and organised crime. He is a trained kidnap SIO (senior investigating officer) and a strategic firearms commander. He formed a high level of expertise in targeting organised criminal networks and has used this operational background to pioneer a proactive prevention and disruption approach to policing.

His work has brought him into close contact with numerous other law enforcement agencies and private industry partners. He utilised these experiences whilst heading the MPS Sterling economic crime prevention team and Amberhill false identity team, both of which sought innovative ways to prevent organised crime affecting the economy.

In January 2010, as a Detective Superintendent, ACC Nick Downing was very proud to secure the role of heading Operation Podium, the specialist crime response to combat organised crime affecting the Olympic economy, before moving on to become the Head of Metropolitan Police Criminal Finance Teams transforming the Met's response to the proceeds of crime.

Currently ACC Nick Downing is the NPCC National portfolio lead for Financial Investigation and the Proceeds of Crime whilst also leading an assessment into the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1987 and 2001.