

Moira Chapman MBE. DL – Magistrate Member

Moira joined Cheshire Police Authority as a Magistrate Member in 2003. She had previously been an Elected Member of the Police Authority while a member of Cheshire County Council. She was Chairman of the Police Authority from 1999 to 2001. She is Chairman of the Authority's Engagement Committee and lead Members for Cheshire West and Chester Partnership working. Moira is a member of Selection Committee and Finance and Performance Panels. She serves on Police Appeals Tribunals and is the lead member for Northwich Neighbourhood Policing Unit, the Local Criminal Justice Board Consultative Group and is joint lead Member for equality and human rights.

Moira worked in the health service since 1971, with a short break to have four children, starting out as a nurse and health visitor, before moving into public health, specialising in health promotion and partnership working. She left the NHS in early 2007 to pursue other interests, including health related consultancy work, and becoming the chairman of a social enterprise working to support people with emotional health problems.

Moira was a member of Cheshire County Council for 12 years and is now an Honorary Alderman and a Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire. She is Vice-chairman of the Cheshire and Warrington Connexions Board.

Re-joining the Police Authority has enabled Moira to maintain a commitment to being active within the local community. It has allowed her to combine her knowledge and insight of the criminal justice system with the skills and experience gained through being a public health specialist. Her skills in analysing complex issues, identifying solutions and performance managing any implementation, supported by her experience of partnership working and community involvement, put her in a well placed position to lead on community engagement.

Since joining the Authority, Moira has been involved in the Best Value review of Procurement and is a key player in the Constabulary's Reassurance Board addressing issues such as citizen focus and community engagement. She is a lead member for diversity and has been involved in the development of race, gender and disability diversity schemes. She would like to see an improvement in the way that Cheshire Constabulary engage and involve the community in policing and community safety issues as she recognises that it is crucial to achieving a continuous reduction in crime and an improvement in community safety.