

# InspireShift: Panellist

## From Crisis to Opportunity: The Pandemic 3 years on

Stephen Watson is amongst the most experienced senior officers in the country having joined Lancashire Constabulary in 1988. He was appointed to Merseyside Police in 2006 on promotion to Chief Superintendent. He subsequently served for 3 years as Area Commander for Liverpool North.

In 2011, he was appointed to the Metropolitan Police as Commander for the East Area, with responsibility for operational policing across nine London boroughs.

In June 2015 Stephen was appointed Deputy Chief Constable for Durham Constabulary, and in July 2016 Stephen took up his appointment as Chief Constable for South Yorkshire Police (SYP).

Stephen became Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police in May 2021. He was also appointed as non-executive Trustee of the College of Policing March 2023.

**Stephen Watson QPM**  
Greater Manchester Police  
Chief Constable

