

Deputy Director's Biography



Deputy Director Sharon Lemon leads the preventative agenda for the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) including e-Crime, Crime Techniques and Prevention and Alerts. Sharon started her career with the Metropolitan Police and has served at many busy inner London divisions at all ranks, until she joined the National Crime Squad (NCS) in 1999. She has held a number of key portfolios, including the Head of Firearms and the Paedophile On-Line Investigation Team - a precursor to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. She also played a key role in the formation of the Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT), an international law enforcement collaboration comprising Australia, Canada, Interpol, the UK and the USA.

Until April 2006, Sharon was head of the National Hi-Tech Crime Unit (NHTCU), the first national unit responsible for the investigation of high tech crime. Since then she has developed the e-Crime Department within SOCA by encouraging a range of alternative interventions to compliment traditional prosecutions. She also manages the Crime Techniques Department which explores creative approaches to tackling organised crime by exploiting weaknesses in criminal networks and anticipates future crime threats. Prevention and Alerts manage SOCA's relationships with the private sector, warning them off the threats from serious and organised crime, the prison programme and lifetime offender management

In June 2010 Sharon was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for public service.