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**The Open University wins grant to create a new National Centre for Policing Research and Professional Development**

**EDITOR’S INFORMATION**

**About the NATIONAL Centre for Policing Research and Professional Development**

The Centre for Policing Research and Professional Development is an innovative, cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty programme of education, applied research and knowledge exchange led by the Open University Business School with Professor Jean Hartley as Director.

The following academics, departments and Faculties have key roles in the fulfilment of the Centre’s objectives:

* Professor Graham Pike, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science [Programme Director Research]
* Dr Anne Adams, Institute of Educational Technology [Programme Director Knowledge Exchange, Translation and Pathways]
* Jo Lambert, Executive Education, Open University Business School. [Programme Director, Learning]
* Professor Jeff Johnson, Complexity Science and Design, Faculty of Mathematics, Computing and Technology [Systems thinking research lead]
* Professor Bashar Nuseibeh, Department of Computing and Communication, Faculty of Mathematics, Computing and Technology. [Cybercrime research lead]
* Dr Anja Schaefer, Department of Public Leadership and Social Enterprise, Open University Business School [Ethics research lead]
* Professor Mark Fenton-O’Creevy, Department of People and Organisations, Open University Business School. [Deputy Chair, Centre Governance Board]

**ABOUT THE OU POLICING RESEARCH CONSORTIUM**

The Open University Policing Research Consortium (OUPRC) was established in 2014 with initial funding from the College of Policing and now is self-sustaining. It is central to the Centre and has been closely involved in the development of the bid at all stages. The Consortium currently consists of 12 police forces and organisations across England, Wales and Northern Ireland and reflects a variety of policing circumstances (size of force, types of communities, urban or rural, geographical spread). The Chair of the Consortium is Dr Steven Chase, Director of People at Thames Valley Police.

The forces involved in the Consortium and Centre are:

* Avon and Somerset Police
* Dorset Police
* Gloucestershire Constabulary
* Greater Manchester Police
* Gwent Police
* Humberside Police
* Lancashire Constabulary
* Metropolitan Police Service
* Merseyside Police
* National Crime Agency
* Police Service of Northern Ireland
* Thames Valley Police.

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