

Securing the future Networked policing in New Zealand

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Paul Evans took up his post as Director of the Police and Crime Standards Directorate (PCSD) in November 2003. PCSD delivers the UK Government's commitment to raise standards and improve operational performance in crime reduction and to maintain and enhance public satisfaction with policing in their area. Its core objective is to identify and disseminate best practice in the prevention and detection of crime in all forces, in order to reduce crime and disorder as well as the fear of crime. The focus of activities is to measure and compare police performance, understand the underlying causes of performance variations, work with those forces in need of assistance and identify and disseminate good practice.

The Directorate has recently expanded its portfolio to take responsibility for a wider remit of policing performance management and monitoring and for management of the Crime Directors based in each of the Government Officer Regions and tackling under-performing Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

Mr. Evans joined the Boston Police Department (USA) in 1970 as a patrol officer and worked his way to Police Commissioner, a post he held from 1994 until his appointment at the Home Office, being one of the longest serving major city Police Commissioners in the USA. Whilst Commissioner he oversaw the largest reductions in crime and homicide in the city's history and was noted for working with partnerships to deliver a high quality of service to the public. From 1967 to 1969 he served in the US Marine Corps and was assigned to an artillery battery during the Vietnam War.

Paul was educated at Boston State College and was awarded a degree in Political Science and Law Enforcement in 1974. He became a Juris Doctor (Cum Laude) from Suffolk University Law School Boston in 1978.
