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## **The police must be accountable at all levels**

Hertfordshire Police Authority Chairman, David Lloyd has written to Public Service Magazine in response to an interview with Sir Hugh Orde, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

In his interview with the magazine, Sir Hugh talks about the important role of Chief Officers coming together to lead and represent the police service. David Lloyd took issue with the implication that the national voice for policing must be delivered solely through Chief Police Officers.

In response, David said “The bedrock of policing is supposed to be the tripartite nature of delivery – Chief Officer, Police Authority/Commissioner and the Home Secretary. It is important that as the government develops the arrangements for the future, the tripartite principles are apparent at all levels. Police and Crime Commissioners will be accountable to the public for the totality of policing in their area. Structures must therefore be in place for Commissioners to direct and hold to account those responsible for development and delivery of national policing functions”.

In addition, he commented “I absolutely agree that Chief Officers coming together to establish inter-operability, common standards and enabling mutual aid is essential, but lets be clear that they must remain accountable for these functions. The introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners next year emphasises the importance of clear, public accountability of policing. This accountability should not just be delivered at a local force level, but also regionally and nationally.”

“I look forward to seeing how Police and Crime Commissioners can be incorporated into the governance structure for the National Crime Agency in the future, but this is only part of the picture. I urge government to think about the whole policing landscape, and take steps to ensure that clear accountability structures are in place, putting the public and their elected representatives at the heart.”

## **Notes to Editors**

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