

## **N8 Policing Research Partnership Conference**

## "Collaborating for Excellence and Innovation"

The Launch Conference of the N8 Policing Research Partnership 'Collaborating for Excellence and Innovation' is being held in the Great Hall of the University of Leeds on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014, from 10.00–15.30 (registration from 9.30).

The N8 Policing Research Partnership is building a regional hub for knowledge exchange for the future; this conference provides is a major opportunity to shape this development. We are delighted that Professor Dame Shirley Pearce (Chair of the College of Policing), Sir Peter Fahy QPM (Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police) and Mr Ron Hogg (Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington) are amongst confirmed speakers.

The conference has two key purposes. First, it will showcase the collaborative work being conducted by the Partnership with support from the College of Policing's Innovation Capacity Building Fund. The conference will provide an understanding of the potential for knowledge exchange and innovation in eight key thematic areas:

- Community engagement
- · Critical incident decision-making
- Cyber crime
- Domestic violence

- Drugs and alcohol
- Policing partnerships
- Public Order
- Serious and organised crime

Second, the conference will discuss the framework for the future development of the regional hub, a platform for collaborations between universities, PCCs, police forces and partner organisations in research, knowledge exchange and training opportunities across the north of England. A Roundtable panel including senior representatives from Operational Policing, the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners, Government and Funders as well as participating researchers will discuss some of the key issues, and the audience will also have the opportunity to raise questions with the panel.

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