

# YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS GROUP



**Catherine Hankinson**  
**Assistant Chief Constable, West Yorkshire Police**  
**Local Policing & Safeguarding**

**Background Information:**

Catherine has been a police officer for 22 years and has only recently taken up post as ACC in West Yorkshire. Prior to that she served with Greater Manchester Police in a variety of roles and areas of policing. Some of the most enjoyable and rewarding were the Force Duty Officer, the Chief Constable’s Staff Officer and Commander at Oldham and South Manchester. Her current role includes responsibility for:

- Local Policing delivery across West Yorkshire which includes patrol and neighbourhood policing.
- Safeguarding across the county which encompasses our response to domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, honour-based abuse, mental health and a number of other areas of vulnerability.
- Strategic Partnerships – county-wide Boards such as Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards and developing the partnership Early Intervention offer with Local Authority, third sector and communities. Catherine feels passionately that all young children should be and feel safe and that communities have a lot to offer in terms of intervening early and providing good role models for children.
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Catherine was born and educated in Lancashire before attending Hull University where she completed a degree in Criminology. Later, whilst a police officer, she studied for an MSc in Criminal Justice. Throughout her college and university life, she has done a myriad of part-time jobs which she believes has helped to develop her confidence and sense of entrepreneurialism.

Catherine is married to a police officer and has two fantastic children. She lives with them in West Yorkshire along with their three dogs. She loves to play netball and travel with the family.

**Sectors worked in and routes taken:**

<b>Part-time working</b>	Catherine has owned her own café, worked in retail, sold houses, worked in a bar.
<b>Policing</b>	As described above.



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What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
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