



## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

### Police condemn 'target culture' (BBC News May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007)

**The Police Federation says 'target culture' stops officers doing their job.** Frontline police officers are calling for an end to the "target-driven culture" they say is forcing them to make arrests for petty offences. The Police Federation of England and Wales says government targets lead to "ludicrous" decisions such as arresting a child for throwing a cucumber slice. Detectives are being diverted away from serious cases, it also warns.

**The Home Office said it was discussing future targets to give more prominence to serious crime. They never learn, once a control freak always a control freak (and all amateur social engineers!)**

The federation discussed the issue at its annual conference in Blackpool. Delegates debated whether judging officers purely on numbers of arrests, cautions or on-the-spot fines is the best way to assess success.

**Read the speech by Jan Berry chairwoman** of the Police Federation of England and Wales, at the federation's annual conference. ...**click on our links page or GOTO**

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**The Chairwoman and principal spokesman of the Police Federation is Mrs Jan Berry of Kent Police.** She chairs all statutory meetings of the Joint Central Committee and Staff Side of the Police Negotiating Board. Jan is the first woman chairman in the history of the Police Federation. In her role as Chairman she pursues three major challenges: to improve the professionalism of the police service, to enhance police training and achieve greater inclusiveness within the Federation. Her service has been spent mainly on operational duties in the county. Since becoming a police officer in 1973 she has performed a variety of duties from beat officer to CID. Mrs Berry rose quickly through the ranks from constable to patrol inspector in 11 years and was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector in 1997. She became a local Federation representative in 1987 and joined the JCC in 1993 as the women's inspectors' representative. She was elected Chairman of the Police Federation in May 2002, taking up her post in late September that year.

**The PPP comments .... In Mrs Berry's speech, there was a lot about by how brilliant and brave the Police Officers are and ALL giving 110% (including those in Arrive Alive and all those other SCAMERA vans on overtime!) ...BUT not a great deal about US their customers. Or the elderly and others who have have been assaulted and killed in the streets of this country. The Home Office is not fit for purpose...who says so ?...the Home secretary of the moment, John Reid and he should know !. He is going when Blair goes. So lets ignore the Home Office until it is sorted out!**

**The Police should ask their customers what they want and then devise the means in detail to provide it. The PPP have been telling them for 4 years and so have local groups and councilors everywhere. You can't give them targets anyway because they can't be trusted not to 'cook the books'. The Chief officers, like Managers in any business are paid to make sure the workers have the tools to do the job AND ensure the workers turn up & do a fair shift's work for a fair day's pay. There is plenty to keep them busy in both areas.**