

Ailsa Beaton is Director of Information and Chief Information Officer on the Metropolitan Police Service's Management Board.

The Directorate of Information (DoI) provides information, communications and technology services to the 47,000 police officers and staff of the Metropolitan Police Service across 750 locations.

The DoI's services cover:

- technology and communications infrastructure;
- information management and security;
- information systems and services;
- emerging technologies;
- technology deployment in policing activities;
- evidential analysis services;
- delivery of major technology-enabled business change programmes; and, to the people of London;
- call handling and demand management services – including all 999 and non-emergency calls to London's police service.

Miss Beaton is a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers for England and Wales (ACPO). In the summer she was elected as head of their Information Management Business Area. She is now, therefore, a member of ACPO cabinet as well as Chief Constable's Council.

In addition, Miss Beaton is a board member of the Police Information Technology Organisation (a Home Office Non-Departmental Public Body) and sits on a number of national strategy and programme boards. She is also a Board member of London Connects, a London-wide agency bringing together local, regional, and central government to support the delivery of the e-government agenda across the capital.

Recently Miss Beaton won the British Computer Society's IT Director of the Year award and the DoI won one of the Computer Weekly Best Places To Work In IT Awards in April 2005.

Miss Beaton worked in accountancy after graduating but has now spent over 20 years working in a range of ICT roles. These have included being CIO for ICL plc, a senior partner with PA Consulting Group and undertaking various sales management and technical support roles for General Electric (USA).