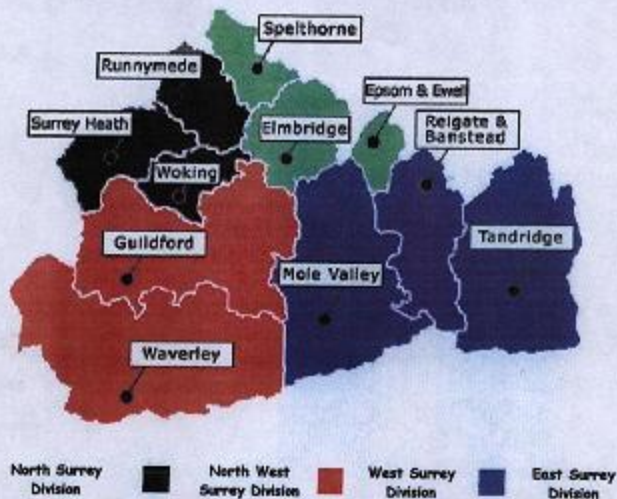


Investigate how the Surrey Police Force is structured and how this structure compares to other police forces across the country

Surrey Police Force is structured in many ways. It is structured geographically, structured in ranks and departments. All these contribute to Surrey Police effectively policing Surrey and keeping Surrey safe.

Surrey Police is split into four divisions: North Surrey Division, North West Surrey Division, East Surrey Division and West Surrey Division.



Each Division has a number of police stations in it, and also has a Divisional Headquarters, which the Divisional Commander, who is normally a Superintendent or Chief Superintendent, is based. The Divisional Commander is in charge of the whole Division. North Surrey Division's Divisional Headquarters is Staines Police Station. North West Surrey Division's Divisional Headquarters is Woking Police Station. West Surrey Division's Divisional Headquarters is Guildford Police Station and East Surrey Division's Divisional Headquarters is Caterham Police Station.

Surrey Police Headquarters which is at Mount Browne in Guildford is in charge of all Surrey Police Stations and Divisional Headquarters and is also where the Chief Constable of Surrey Police is based.

Surrey Police used to have seven divisions but merged them all into four divisions to help with building stronger links with communities and more effective crime prevention. I think it was a good idea for Surrey to merge the existing seven divisions into four divisions, as community policing is the heart of a good police force. It is also a good idea having four divisions, as it is easier for different departments of Surrey Police to communicate and this wouldn't be so easy if Surrey Police still had seven divisions.

Surrey Police's divisions contrast to the divisions of the Metropolitan Police and Sussex Police.

Metropolitan Police  
Geographical structure



The Metropolitan Police policing area is divided not into divisions like Surrey Police, but is divided into boroughs. They don't have a Divisional Commander in charge of a division, as do Surrey Police, instead they have a Borough Commander in charge of each borough. The Borough

Commander is normally a Chief Superintendent. There are 3 boroughs that the Met police. You have to take into consideration that the Met police have a much larger area to police, but as they have lots of boroughs it is harder for communication between different departments to happen and it is harder for them to build up links with the community.

Sussex Police  
Geographical structure



Sussex Police has split their policing area up into districts for them to police. There are 14 districts, but the Brighton & Hove District is split into three sections, as there is a bigger population in Brighton & Hove than the rest of the districts. Sussex Police have District Commanders in charge of the districts. They do exactly the same job as the Borough Commanders do in the Metropolitan Police Force and the Divisional Commanders do in the Surrey Police Force. Sussex is nearly the same size as Surrey, but just marginally bigger. Sussex Police have 14 districts to Surrey Police's 4 divisions. Again communications between departments must be harder and building up relationships with the communities of Sussex must be more difficult.

Rank Structuring

Rank Structure of Surry Police

Constable

Sergeant

Inspector

Chief Inspector

Superintendent

Chief Superintendent

Assistant Chief Constable

Deputy Chief Constable

Chief Constable

Rank Structure of the Metropolitan Police

Constable

Sergeant

Inspector

Chief Inspector

Superintendent

Chief Superintendent

Commander

Deputy Assistant Commissioner

Assistant Commissioner

Deputy Commissioner

Commissioner

The Metropolitan Police has an extra two ranks than Surrey Police do. This is because the Met Police are a bigger force and police a bigger area. The only other force to use the same rank structure as the Metropolitan Police is the City of London Police Force; otherwise all the police forces in the UK follow Surrey Police's rank structure. Both forces have the same rank structure in CID as every force in the UK does. The ranks in CID go from Detective Constable up to Detective Chief Superintendent.

#### Structure of Departments



Surrey Police Force is split up into a number of units, teams and departments, as every other police force in the UK is. These departments and units deal with specific crimes, operations and events. Police officers with special training and attributes work in these departments, so maximum effectiveness is achieved.

When a member of the public joins Surrey Police they become a trainee police constable. They go through weeks of training. When they have nearly completed their training they are streamed into three sections:

**DCIT:** This stands for Divisional Crime Investigation Team. This is the first step toward becoming a detective in CID. DCIT is the department who investigate crimes after they happen and assist in CID investigations. Normally a detective sergeant is in charge of the team.

TPT: This stands for Targeted Patrol Teams. TPT are the police officers who are given a specific area of their division to patrol and if any 999 calls come in and a crime or event is happening in the area they are patrolling or near where they are patrolling they will respond. Members of the TPT you will see driving around the area you live in marked police cars.

### Neighbourhood

Specialist Officers: These police officers are basically 'beat bobbies'. Neighbourhood Specialist Officers are the police officers who patrol a certain town or village. They normally operate on foot. They are now normally accompanied by Police Community Support Officers who are civilians and not police officers.

I think it is a very good idea for trainee police constables who are with Surrey Police to be automatically streamed, because they learn the specific skills and attributes quicker for the job they are doing. After two years in one of the three teams, the police officers may specialise into many of Surrey Police's other departments and units. Some of Surrey Police's departments are:

Traffic Department: The Traffic Department patrol the motorways and main roads of Surrey. They also respond to major road traffic accidents and high speed pursuits.

CID: This stands for Criminal Investigation Department. CID is the department detectives belong too. CID investigates crimes after they have happened and try and prevent the crimes happening again. Both detectives and uniformed officers work out of CID.

Vulnerable Persons Unit: The VPU investigate hate crimes, which include racial and homophobic and VPU also investigates domestic violence incidents.

Air Support Unit: Air Support Unit is the team who use the Surrey Police helicopter to track cars in high speed pursuits and track missing persons and criminals resisting arrest. The helicopter crew consists of the pilot, a navigator and an observer. The helicopter also has a stretcher on board for medical emergencies.