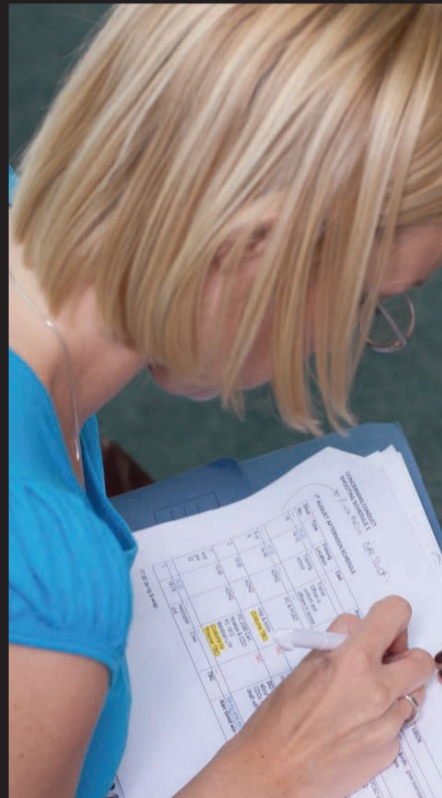


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As allegations against police officers hit a record high in England and Wales, a young filmmaker is helping the Derbyshire force to tackle the forthcoming changes to complaints procedures.



Figures for England and Wales show there were 48,280 allegations made by the public in 2007/08 - an increase of 5% on the previous year - but in December 2008 all

forces will be introducing the new process for managing police complaints.

The new complaints process encourages learning and development by individual officers in less serious cases, replacing what has been recognised as an outdated punitive attitude.

And in Derbyshire, the Constabulary has called on young filmmaker Sandra Harrison of Revival Studios to produce an engaging piece of film to get the message across to its 2,000 officers and staff, with some of the stars of the film being beat officers themselves.

Alongside interviews from senior officers within the force and other key spokesmen from the Police Authority, the Police Federation, the IPCC and the BPA, the film includes dramatic reconstruction to drive home the message in a reality setting with which the audience would identify.



Officers and police staff colleagues from the force were filmed on location, acting out examples of the types of behaviour that could draw complaints to heighten reality for fellow officers, whilst remaining unidentifiable in potentially negative situations.

DCI Andy Sproson, who is the Project Manager for the Constabulary, said:
"Changes in some legislation can be pretty dry so we needed to attract attention and demonstrate the real relevance of the changes. We also need to get the same clear message to all of our 2,000 plus officers and police staff over the coming months.

"I'm very pleased with what we've achieved. We need well informed, well briefed officers and I'm sure this film is going to be a popular way of doing the job."

Sandra Harrison, managing director of Revival added: *"We've done quite a bit of work with the criminal justice sector over recent years so we were able to use that experience to draw out the enthusiasm of the officers and encourage them to take part, which has helped to make this into something special for the force."*

To watch the film footage online, [click here](#)

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

Derbyshire Constabulary is committed to reducing and investigating crime, protecting people and promoting law and order across the county of Derbyshire, working in partnership with local agencies across the county to help achieve its goals.

The force serves a region of over 1,000 square miles, with a population approaching one million. Derbyshire is renowned for being hugely diverse. It encompasses the rural areas of the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales, for example, as well as old mining communities, modern towns and business centres. It is also home to the vibrant and culturally diverse city of Derby.

Revival Studios Ltd is a creative corporate video production company, operating across Europe and with offices in Derbyshire and Leicestershire. The company script, cast, direct, film, edit and add effects in a complete film and DVD production service, with a team of award-winning professionals.



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