



**Hi everyone, my name is Lynne Prout and I am a Police Constable with Police Scotland. Welcome to my first Blog!**

I have worked in various roles and police offices and also have over twenty years' experience in front line policing in North Ayrshire. My last posting was to the Locality Policing Team in the Garnock Valley where I worked for two years. During my time there I worked with various partner agencies in a multi-agency approach to tackling issues in the community. This was a role which I very much enjoyed.

In October this year I was offered the opportunity to be seconded to North Ayrshire Council for six months and work within the Community Planning Partnership. In all honesty I had very little idea of what this departments area of business was but welcomed the opportunity to work alongside one of Police Scotland's most important partners in North Ayrshire.

I started on 28<sup>th</sup> October and the first few days were a real eye opener to the wide range of work that the Community Planning Partnership is involved in. I was introduced to Pentana and despite the Pentana Champions best efforts it remains a bit of a mystery! I was also asked to look at the relevance of the questions in the Peoples Panel Survey and was interested to find out that this is a survey of 2,000 North Ayrshire residents which is carried out every two years and aims to find out their views on a wide range of subjects including questions about employment, mental health and the neighbourhood in which they live. At the end of my first week I attended an Inclusive Justice: Co-Producing Change conference and heard about the challenges Community Justice service users can encounter when accessing services. This was perhaps not something, as a Police Officer, that I had really thought about but was a valuable learning opportunity for me.

Over the course of my second week I did more work on the Peoples Panel Survey and continued trying to get to grips with Pentana! I also attended Glasgow City Chambers for the Scottish Community Planning Network meeting where I heard from Community Planning Partnerships from all over the country.

I have also been invited to attend and observe meetings with Community Justice Ayrshire, Locality Partnership Working Group, Locality Partnership Implementation Board and Community Planning Partnership Senior Officers Group where I have met Mr Hatton, the Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Council, members of his Executive Leadership Team and senior members of our partner agencies who have all welcomed me and the policing perspective I can bring to my role within North Ayrshire Council.

Last week I was invited to attend a conference on Gender Based Violence In The Modern World. This was a subject matter which I could look at from a police point of view and I found the conference very informative and thought provoking providing me with lessons and information that I can utilise as a police officer.

I hope that you have enjoyed my blog and I look forward to sharing my future experiences as part of North Ayrshire Council with you all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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