

Brief Biography of Mrs Janet Spencer who is an Independent Member on the West Yorkshire Police Authority

Janet is a Chief Executive of a housing organisation offering supported accommodation to vulnerable people across the city of Leeds.

Formerly, she worked in the Youth Justice System, employed to develop and manage a Bail Support Scheme for Adolescent Offenders. She has experience of working within a social service and probation setting.

Janet spent 5 years as a mature student at York University firstly obtaining a BA in Philosophy and then continuing to gain a Diploma in Social Work and a Masters Degree, specialising in Criminal Offending Behaviour.

Her positive experiences as a mature student lead to an interest in adult education and resulted in my teaching in Further Education and Life Long Learning in evening classes.

Along side her academic and professional career she has the valuable and personally challenging experience of being mother of six children. Happily, all safely and successfully grown up and independent now.

Janet describes herself as having a keen interest in people as individuals and in people as members of communities. She enjoys working equally both at strategic level with policy and procedures, and face-to-face community consultation and engagement. She is committed to partnership working in order to maximise resources and improve services to the benefit of local communities.

Janet sees her role as Independent Member of the Police Authority as offering the opportunity to effectively represent and serve the people living in West Yorkshire and also to take a full and active part within society.

Committee Responsibilities 2010/11

Resources, Specialist Policing, Independent Custody Visiting Steering Group and the Yorkshire and Humberside Joint Police Authorities Committee (alternate).