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A clear direction

Hayley Hood is one of the rare few who started her undergraduate degree knowing exactly where she wanted to go. Before beginning her studies, she knew that she wanted to work for the Police and already had experience as a Special Constable.

However, Hayley perhaps had more reason to be driven than other students; she started her studies having completed a two-year access course and with a young daughter.

Despite taking a non-traditional route into her studies, Hayley's work progression has by contrast been almost text-book. Upon graduation, she became an Assistant Crime Analyst, covering local level crimes.

After a year she took the opportunity to progress and was successful in applying for the role of a Force Crime Analyst, focusing more on cross-county and organised crimes, and from there she became the Senior Crime Analyst, a role she has held for 2½ years.

Changing crimes

Despite having worked for Hertfordshire Constabulary for over seven years, the role itself is constantly evolving. *"Technology is constantly changing, both in the Police and the real world, which means that not only has the role changed but also the types of crimes and the ways that they're committed."*

Even though her role in the Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) doesn't remain the same, Hayley still believes that her undergraduate and postgraduate courses gave her a good grounding in skills that she still uses today.

Certainly, her dynamic career and the impact that it has on policing means that she feels a real sense of satisfaction from her role. "I feel very privileged to work for Hertfordshire Constabulary; they are at the forefront of policing, and always encourage the implementation of new ideas and ways of working."



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