

## **DETECTIVE INSPECTOR MARK DENNISON**

Operational Lead, Reducing Offending in Partnership,  
Police Service of Northern Ireland

Mark joined the Police Service in 1988 and has a wide range of experience both at operational level, within the Criminal Investigation Department and in partnership working. He is currently attached to Service Improvement Department. As an accredited Senior Investigating Officer, Mark has investigated a wide range of serious crime investigations, some of which have been acknowledged by way of Chief Constable commendations. In 2009 he developed a more integrated approach to offender management and with the commitment of Probation, Youth Justice Agency and Addiction Services a successful Reducing Offending pilot was introduced in the Ballymena area. The success of the programme led to the introduction of Reducing Offending in Partnership throughout Northern Ireland. A scheme involving Police, Probation, Youth Justice Agency, Prison Service and Department of Justice. Mark was appointed PSNI Operational Lead for Reducing Offending and established Reducing Offending Units throughout the service. Mark has also worked with Probation in developing a nationally recognised electronic process for managing offenders on licence. He is a member of the ROP Steering Group, Working Group, Ower's Rec 37 Prison Review Implementation Group and National Integrated Offender Management Working Group. In 2012 he received recognition for his work in Reducing Offending at the annual Policing with the Community Awards. Mark has conducted peer reviews for the College of Policing and has been involved in the inspection of Integrated Offender Management programmes in England and Wales. He is currently working on the next stage of the development of ROP with a focus on early intervention and collaborative working.