

Sir Hugh Orde elected ACPO President  
Statement from the Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde  
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“A statement has been made that I have been elected by my colleagues, my senior colleagues, to be the next president of the Association of Chief Police Officers. The date of the appointment is yet to be agreed and what I have said to my whole organisation this morning is that I have no intention of leaving this great organisation until there’s a clear succession plan in place.

“These are challenging times as you know, in fact these are probably the most challenging times since I’ve been here so we’ve got to have a clear process in place. We have a very strong leadership team here, probably the most experienced senior management team in the whole country. So there’s great resilience but we’ve got to have a clear plan and a vision for the future.

“There’s always unfinished business. As I said a couple of weeks ago I didn’t see the advances in policing, when I joined, I didn’t think we’d get as far as we have got. I think that’s a great credit to the front line of policing rather than the senior management of policing. The changes here have been made by police officers taking risks and moving communities forward and indeed communities taking similar risks. But I think there’s always more to do, we know that.

“Well, I’ve been here for nearly seven years. Frankly I’ve got missed emotions about going. This is a great organisation to lead and it’s done outstandingly well but, you know, I think the time has come. Fresh eyes look at things slightly differently and will say we need to move in a slightly different direction and I think that’s a good place to be.”