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speak out
because I was not a teacher**

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Cuts to the police will lead to cuts in frontline services

Along with all sectors of our community, the police are not only suffering the effects of budget cuts but also controversial reforms to their working practices that will adversely affect their pensions, retirement age, pay, job security and health and safety.

Sir Hugh Orde, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has stated that if the anticipated 16,000 jobs are lost as a result of 20% budget cuts within the police force, an increase in crime was a real possibility. The Chair of the Police Federation, Paul McKeever, said planned cuts and changes to the service left officers with "real doubts in our minds that we are going to be able to keep the public safe".

Commenting on the election of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) due in November, Sir Orde described it as "the biggest change in policing since 1829, without question" and added "My sense was the government were looking for some pretty high-profile, qualified individuals who would deliver a completely different style of governance. I'm not sure how happy they will be with some of the lists. For one thing, there are a number of police officers on it. I have a big problem with police officers being police and crime commissioners."

The govt continuously argue that their cuts will only affect 'back-office' roles and not frontline services but this has led to a vexed question about where the front line ends and the back office begins. John Marshall, a Metropolitan Police sergeant, said ministers had only given one side of the story: "There are obviously jobs that have to be done and all that will happen is that front-line officers will be redeployed to the back office. It's taking them off the streets."

Govt outsourcing initiatives are already transferring police staff to private security firms, such as G4S. The Home Secretary, Theresa May, has announced plans of a 'business partnership' (which she hopes will be in place by spring 2013) and details have been sent to potential bidders to run all services that "can be legally delegated to the private sector". The breathtaking list of policing activities up for grabs includes investigating crimes, detaining suspects, developing cases, responding to and investigating incidents, supporting victims and witnesses, managing high-risk individuals, patrolling neighbourhoods, managing intelligence, managing engagement with the public, as well as more traditional back-office functions, such as managing forensics, providing legal services, managing the vehicle fleet, finance and human resources. Just like the NHS, the police force are on the road to full blown privatisation.

558 full time police staff across Dorset will be lost by March 2015 as a result of the cuts. Police representatives have warned cut backs in the coming financial years will 'severely impact' on services.

In the face of huge spending cuts Dorset Police is considering cutting the number of beat officers in the face of huge spending cuts. The force is currently reviewing staffing in the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT).