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International Association of Women Police – Officer of the Year, 2020 Sponsored by Axon Detective Constable Anna Blockley, Leicestershire Police, UK

Detective Constable Anne Blockley joined Leicester police in November 2005 and through her training and probation, she always knew the plain clothed world of the Detectives was where she really wanted to be. She joined the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) whilst still very young in service and after completing 7 years within core CID she joined the Child Abuse Unit in 2014, joining the 'Non-recent Investigation Team in 2015 where she is currently working. The jobs were, in the main, were serious cases of child abuse, the complainants mostly damaged in some way due to their experiences so they need a lot of support, a lot of contact and a lot of trust. In 2019 she was nominated as Leicester Police's investigator of the year after securing several large cases at court with a conviction rate of 91%. This equated to just one trial being found not guilty. In the last 12 months she has had 6 offenders imprisoned for a total of 61.5 years.

DC Blockley simply optimises personal motivation. The amount of work she gets through is awesome. Her drive, commitment and devotion to her investigations is second to none. Her work rate is phenomenal and it's hard to describe how efficient and motivated she is. She never lets her cases to go on any longer than 6 months before she has a charge or decision made. With the amount of work involved in these complicated and protracted investigations that is seriously impressive. She does this due to her organisation skills and time management. Her motivation to make sure she gives the best service to victims extends to her flexibility around when she works. Completing statements with victims and witness in the evening when she should be a day shift if that suits the victim.

DC Blockley recently collated all the problems and essentials needed for case documents to ensure the new criminal justice process went smoothly, sharing her findings with colleagues. This is a shining example of her personal motivation for excellence. The best way to demonstrate how DC Blockley is committed to the aims of investigations and meeting the force objective of convicting child abusers (protecting vulnerable people) is to let her figures speak for themselves. In the last 18 months Anna has: - Gained convictions for 11 trials, ensuring 12 child abusers are brought to justice, an extraordinary unparalleled achievement. The sentences for these cases total 101 years. During this period her conviction rate is 91%.

DC Blockley has opened lines of communication with specialist lawyers so that the team has direct contact with them due to the complexity of their cases. She also supports the case conference team which has been stretched as lately due to staffing issues and workload and volunteered to do overtime writing reports for case conferences.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, "The IAWP is so pleased to recognize the outstanding work of our colleagues in law enforcement. These stories exemplify that with the right tools, training and opportunity, women excel in policing and keep our communities safer."

The **Mission** of the IAWP is: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

Vision: IAWP envisions a world where police reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and where human rights are protected.

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