



Durham Police Authority

# PRESS RELEASE

## **Inspector George Gently comes to Chester-le-Street police station**

Durham Police Authority has approved the licence for the popular TV show Inspector George Gently to potentially take place at Chester-le-Street police station.

The production company contacted Durham Constabulary regarding the potential to film certain scenes within one of the North Area police stations and it was agreed that Chester-le-Street station would be the best site for filming.

Police Authority Members approved the license at the Police Authority meeting on Monday 28 June. Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

**“Durham Police Authority is of course happy to support any television or film company in the production of its material for public consumption, where appropriate.**

**“It is not of course one of the roles of the Police Authority to actively encourage residents to view any particular production but I am sure that there will be more than a passing interest by residents in some of the scenes in the forthcoming series.”**

### **Notes to Editors**

Durham Police Authority is an independent body responsible for ensuring Durham Constabulary delivers an efficient and effective police service. It is made up of 17 local people who include 9 councillors, 8 members of the public who are the independent members.

The Authority ensures that the Constabulary is accountable to the people of County Durham and Darlington and ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.

The Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget for the Constabulary and, following consultation with local communities, mapping out the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher.

### The Authority's Vision

**“To ensure that policing in County Durham and Darlington is fair, effective and visible”**

### The Authority's Mission

**“To be the effective voice of our communities in securing the delivery of high quality policing by:**

- Exercising strong & effective leadership
- Engaging positively with communities to build confidence in local policing
- Strengthening partnership working
- Promoting equality, tolerance & respect for human rights
- Scrutinising and challenging police performance to secure continuous improvement
- Scrutinising and challenging business systems and processes to ensure effective use of resources

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