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Sarah Champion hits out at the further cuts made to South Yorkshire Police

Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, has criticised plans for further Government cuts to South Yorkshire Police.

It was confirmed this week by the Home Office that almost £10 million will be taken away from the force in central Government funding for the year 2015/16.

South Yorkshire Police already knew that it had to deal with significant losses. By 2016, £46 million needs to have been taken from the budget.

Commenting on the announcement, Sarah said:

"I cannot believe that the Government is making further cuts to South Yorkshire Police.

"Services have already gone and police have lost their jobs after the forced savings due to the coalition's cuts. The latest announcement just adds insult to injury. My constituents in Rotherham need to feel safe and know that their police force will be able to help them in their hour of need. The force is doing its best to provide this but without the means there will reach a tipping point.

"South Yorkshire Police are already working to limited resources and now these will be stretched even further. How many more cuts can the Government make without further impacting on the service that we receive?

"The people of South Yorkshire deserve to have a police force they can rely upon but by continually taking away funding the Government is making it extremely difficult to provide that."

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