



SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

Citizens' Panel Recruitment Questionnaire

Surrey Police Authority wants to know what you think about policing in the county. To help us achieve this, we are setting up what we call our 'Citizens' Panel', a group of several thousand Surrey people who we will survey by post two or three times per year on different police-related topics.

Why a Citizens' Panel?

One of our most important roles at the Police Authority is to make sure that Surrey Police is working towards the priorities of local people. Through this Citizens' Panel, we will be able to consult with more people, and at greater depth, than ever before. This will help us to better steer the force in the direction that the Surrey public wants.

What will you do with the findings?

The findings of our Citizens' Panel surveys will be presented to the Members of the Police Authority for their consideration, and will contribute directly to the decisions that they make.

We will write back to everyone who participates in a survey to let them know the results of each survey, and the actions resulting from them.

What does this mean to me?

If you are reading this, you are one of the thousands of people randomly invited to join this Panel. When you read on, you will find a short recruitment questionnaire. If you would like to join our Panel, all you need to do is complete these questions and return them to us in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.

There is no cost associated with joining our panel. All postage is paid for by us. Nor is there a binding commitment – you are free to leave our panel whenever you want.

All the information you give us as part of the Panel is confidential, and we are working with an independent organisation, Advanced Data Tabulation Services (ADTS), to undertake the data processing of questionnaires in order to maintain confidentiality. Your data will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It will only be used for the purposes described by Surrey Police Authority and its appointed market research provider and will not be published on an individual basis. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you are entitled to access any of the answers you have given.

If you have any queries about the Citizens' Panel or require this survey in a different format (eg: large print), please contact the SPA Office on 01483 630 200, email: spa@surrey.police.uk. Further information can also be found on our website www.surreypa.gov.uk

Please fill in your contact details below:

Your name: _____ Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Other

Your address: _____

Your postcode: _____

Your telephone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Section 1 - Understanding Your Background

Surrey Police Authority wants to make sure that the views of residents from all walks of life are being heard. Whilst you don't have to answer the following questions if you prefer not to, any information you do give us about your background will help us to make sure that we are doing so, and to understand how different groups of people feel about community safety issues.

Q1 Are you:

- Male
- Female

Q2 Please state your month and year of birth:

- Month _____
- Year _____

Q3 Are you:

White

- British
 - Irish
 - Other white background
- Please specify _____

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
 - African
 - Other black background
- Please specify _____

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
 - White and Black African
 - White and Asian
 - Other mixed background
- Please specify _____

Chinese or other Ethnic group

- Chinese
 - Other ethnic group
- Please specify _____

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Other Asian background
- Please specify _____

Q4 What is your current employment situation?

- Employed full-time (30+ hours per week)
- Employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week)
- Self-employed
- Government supported training scheme
- Full-time education
- Unemployed and available for work
- Permanently sick or disabled
- Wholly retired from work
- Looking after the home
- Doing something else
- Please specify _____

Q5 Please state the household's main wage earner's occupation (if they are retired what was their former occupation?)

Q6 How long have you lived in the Surrey Police area?

- Up to 5 years
- Over 5 years but less than 10 years
- Over 10 years but less than 20 years
- More than 20 years

Q7a Do you consider yourself to have a disability, impairment or other long-term health condition?

- Yes Continue
- No Go to Q8

Q7b Does this disability affect:

(Tick all that apply)

- Vision
- Hearing
- Mobility
- Learning difficulty
- Mental health
- Something else

Q8 What is your religion/belief, if any?

Q9 Do you consider yourself to be?

- Heterosexual
- Gay or lesbian
- Bi-sexual
- Prefer not to say

Section 2 - The Police Authority and the Public

To help us understand how we should conduct our Citizens' Panel, what information would be useful to you and what we should do with our findings, please answer the following questions:

Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I have heard of Surrey Police Authority and Understand Its Role:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q11 Which of the statements below best reflects your views?

- I think local people should be consulted on all major policing decisions
- I think local people should only be involved in deciding the local policing plan for the year
- I think policing decisions are best left to the police

Q12 Which of the statements below best reflects your views?

- The views of local people should be the most important influence on the annual policing plan
- The views of local people should be balanced equally with policing risks in the annual policing plan
- Policing risks should be the most important influence on the annual policing plan

Your completed form should be returned in the prepaid envelope provided. If this is not included or if you have any other queries please contact the SPA Office on 01483 630 200 or e-mail spa@surrey.police.uk

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

