

YouGov-Cambridge Survey Results

Sample Size: 1,744 British adults, including
1,356 adults in England and Wales outside
London
Fieldwork: 31st July - 1st August 2012

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Local police forces are currently accountable to Police Authorities – bodies made up of a mixture of local councillors and independent members – who oversee the police. There are plans to replace police authorities with local police commissioners, directly elected by the public.
How interested, if at all, are you in this issue?

Very interested	12	12	14	8	12	16	12	14	10	3	14	11	14	13	11	13	16	14	11	10	13	11	10	11
Somewhat interested	42	47	41	49	51	42	42	38	45	37	36	43	47	44	39	42	36	38	45	43	39	41	54	40
TOTAL INTERESTED	54	59	55	57	63	58	54	52	55	40	50	54	61	57	50	55	52	52	56	53	52	52	64	51
Not very interested	28	30	28	31	25	25	27	27	28	36	28	28	24	27	28	34	30	25	26	24	31	29	23	27
Not at all interested	13	10	13	7	10	15	12	16	11	10	14	15	12	12	16	8	15	14	16	17	11	12	11	16
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	41	40	41	38	35	40	39	43	39	46	42	43	36	39	44	42	45	39	42	41	42	41	34	43
Don't know	5	2	4	5	3	2	7	5	6	14	8	3	3	5	6	4	3	9	3	6	5	8	2	5

Please tell us whether you think the following statements about police commissioners are true or false.

Please do not look up the answers but try to answer them as best you can without any help. You will only have 1 minute to answer these questions before automatically moving to the next question.

Local police commissioners will run the police on a day-to-day basis

TRUE	32	31	37	20	34	38	30	29	36	23	35	34	33	30	35	35	34	41	40	31	29	29	27	31
FALSE	34	41	31	45	37	31	36	40	28	39	28	34	37	40	26	33	34	27	33	32	32	40	34	36
Don't know	34	27	32	34	29	31	33	31	36	38	37	32	30	29	39	32	33	32	27	37	39	32	38	33

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Local police commissioners will be able to appoint chief constables and remove them where needed

TRUE	48	54	47	46	54	49	47	54	42	25	50	50	52	50	45	43	46	49	48	43	47	51	45	52
FALSE	15	16	14	17	13	12	14	12	18	35	11	13	12	15	15	19	16	15	21	18	10	13	16	8
Don't know	38	29	39	38	33	39	39	35	40	40	39	37	36	35	40	38	39	36	32	39	43	36	38	40

Local police commissioners will be able to appoint police staff below chief constable and remove them where needed

TRUE	35	40	37	30	37	35	32	30	40	42	34	32	37	34	37	33	32	34	42	38	30	38	34	31
FALSE	25	26	24	27	26	24	28	33	18	15	25	28	25	28	21	33	23	26	26	23	25	24	25	31
Don't know	40	34	39	42	37	41	40	37	42	43	41	40	38	38	42	33	45	40	32	40	45	38	41	38

Local police commissioners will decide how money is spent in their local police force

TRUE	55	62	57	49	58	58	57	56	54	45	56	56	58	57	53	59	55	57	56	57	59	52	52	58
FALSE	11	10	11	16	10	8	13	12	10	14	9	10	12	11	10	10	12	13	8	4	10	13	14	8
Don't know	34	28	32	35	32	34	31	32	36	42	35	34	31	32	37	31	33	30	36	39	31	35	34	34

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Local police commissioners will not run the police, but will hold the police to account for the public.

They will be able to appoint chief constables and remove them where needed and decide how money is spent as well as deciding what to concentrate on.

The first elections of local police commissioners will take place on 15 November 2012.

On a scale of 0 (certain NOT to vote) to 10 (absolutely certain to vote), how likely are you to vote in these elections?

0	7	2	4	3	5	5	4	9	4	4	6	7	8	5	9	2	5	6	2	5	10	7	10	12
1	3	5	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	5	2	3	2	3	3	1	4	6	2	2	6	1	1	1
2	3	4	2	4	3	2	4	4	2	0	5	3	3	4	3	2	3	2	6	2	6	4	2	2
3	4	5	4	2	3	3	2	5	4	13	3	3	2	3	6	4	2	5	1	7	3	7	2	1
4	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	6	1	2	3	1	3	3	1	5
5	14	10	15	14	12	16	17	12	16	15	19	12	13	16	12	21	9	17	15	10	19	17	11	10
6	9	9	9	10	7	6	8	7	10	13	10	9	5	8	9	15	11	11	12	8	3	7	7	6
7	10	11	10	18	10	10	13	10	11	12	11	9	12	11	10	2	11	13	7	13	7	11	15	7
8	13	14	12	14	18	12	15	12	15	9	13	13	16	13	14	13	8	16	20	11	11	12	20	15
9	6	9	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	3	3	8	9	7	6	4	6	5	5	5	8	6	8	9
10	21	26	24	20	26	27	19	23	19	17	18	22	23	21	20	24	30	15	17	26	18	19	16	23
Don't know	7	4	9	4	5	9	7	6	8	7	7	8	5	6	8	7	10	0	10	9	5	7	7	8
MEAN	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	7

Do you think local police commissioners will help or hinder the fight against crime, or will they make no difference?

Will help the fight against crime	21	33	18	18	26	21	18	21	20	25	22	20	18	20	21	23	24	15	23	19	19	24	15	20
Will hinder the fight against crime	13	7	19	14	11	17	14	16	10	12	11	13	16	15	12	14	13	15	9	19	11	12	11	17
Will make no difference	47	45	45	53	47	47	47	45	49	30	44	48	56	46	50	40	49	50	51	42	44	46	58	40
Don't know	19	16	18	15	16	16	21	17	21	33	23	19	11	20	18	23	14	20	18	20	26	19	15	23

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the local police commissioners?

I have a good understanding about what the local police commissioners will do

Strongly agree	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	1	1	1
Agree	10	11	12	10	9	14	9	11	8	3	12	12	7	11	9	17	13	8	10	8	9	8	9	8
TOTAL AGREE	11	13	13	11	10	16	10	12	9	3	14	13	8	12	10	18	16	8	11	8	11	9	10	9
Neither agree nor disagree	28	28	26	27	31	25	27	29	27	18	23	29	34	28	28	30	23	23	26	33	22	31	34	28
Disagree	31	32	34	35	29	30	37	29	32	34	30	30	31	34	27	33	28	36	43	24	30	31	26	34
Strongly disagree	17	15	13	15	16	16	18	15	18	21	18	14	17	17	16	15	14	21	12	14	23	18	15	18
TOTAL DISAGREE	48	47	47	50	45	46	55	44	50	55	48	44	48	51	43	48	42	57	55	38	53	49	41	52
Don't know	14	11	13	12	13	14	8	14	14	25	14	13	9	10	19	5	18	12	9	21	15	12	14	11

Local police commissioners will give people like me more say in how my local area is policed

Strongly agree	3	2	4	2	2	6	2	3	2	2	5	3	1	2	3	4	4	3	3	1	1	2	2	5
Agree	24	34	21	30	28	20	24	23	25	33	25	22	23	26	22	19	24	25	21	20	22	33	21	18
TOTAL AGREE	27	36	25	32	30	26	26	26	27	35	30	25	24	28	25	23	28	28	24	21	23	35	23	23
Neither agree nor disagree	26	24	28	21	28	26	25	24	28	17	29	27	27	28	25	36	23	24	34	28	33	21	25	24
Disagree	20	20	19	23	18	19	26	23	18	15	16	22	24	22	17	27	14	23	21	19	13	20	26	21
Strongly disagree	7	6	6	8	7	7	8	10	5	5	5	7	11	7	8	3	10	4	7	5	10	6	8	16
TOTAL DISAGREE	27	26	25	31	25	26	34	33	23	20	21	29	35	29	25	30	24	27	28	24	23	26	34	37
Don't know	19	14	22	17	18	23	15	17	21	29	21	20	14	15	25	11	25	20	14	26	20	17	18	17

Local police commissioners will help to reduce the amount of crime in my local area

Strongly agree	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	4
Agree	15	27	12	14	21	10	12	15	14	19	16	13	14	16	13	20	13	12	18	16	20	16	11	5
TOTAL AGREE	16	29	13	16	22	12	13	16	16	20	18	15	14	18	14	20	16	12	19	16	21	17	13	9
Neither agree nor disagree	30	28	28	36	30	32	27	25	34	16	32	31	32	30	29	32	22	37	27	33	24	30	33	36
Disagree	23	20	26	22	20	25	31	26	21	21	21	22	29	25	22	30	30	22	25	19	23	22	22	21
Strongly disagree	9	4	9	7	8	9	10	13	6	3	6	12	10	9	9	6	7	9	11	5	10	8	10	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	32	24	35	29	28	34	41	39	27	24	27	34	39	34	31	36	37	31	36	24	33	30	32	40
Don't know	21	20	23	20	19	22	19	20	23	39	23	20	14	18	26	12	24	20	18	26	22	23	22	15

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Local police commissioners will improve relations between the police and local communities in my area

Strongly agree	3	6	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	9	3	2	1	2	4	5	4	1	2	2	3	5	0	4
Agree	26	34	25	27	30	24	26	26	26	26	26	25	26	27	24	18	27	28	25	23	31	28	22	18
TOTAL AGREE	29	40	27	29	33	27	28	29	29	35	29	27	27	29	28	23	31	29	27	25	34	33	22	22
Neither agree nor disagree	31	30	30	25	35	30	28	28	34	18	28	35	34	32	30	34	21	39	31	32	28	28	43	34
Disagree	15	12	15	22	10	15	19	18	11	15	17	12	16	17	12	26	18	10	18	11	9	16	11	16
Strongly disagree	6	3	5	4	6	5	7	7	4	1	5	7	7	6	5	1	6	3	9	4	7	5	5	15
TOTAL DISAGREE	21	15	20	26	16	20	26	25	15	16	22	19	23	23	17	27	24	13	27	15	16	21	16	31
Don't know	20	15	23	21	16	22	18	18	22	30	23	19	15	16	25	16	24	19	15	28	21	18	19	13

Having local police commissioners will make policing of national issues like security and terrorism worse

Strongly agree	4	3	6	7	4	6	4	6	3	0	4	5	5	5	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	6	5
Agree	15	13	17	10	17	17	14	16	14	11	14	14	20	18	12	29	15	8	17	10	13	20	13	19
TOTAL AGREE	19	16	23	17	21	23	18	22	17	11	18	19	25	23	15	34	19	11	21	15	17	24	19	24
Neither agree nor disagree	30	27	28	37	28	27	35	30	31	15	33	33	31	30	31	26	27	39	28	35	28	28	30	33
Disagree	21	32	20	17	24	19	21	23	19	33	18	18	23	22	20	20	22	22	21	21	25	20	21	17
Strongly disagree	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	5	1	4	1	3	2	1	2	5	2	0	1	3	1	10
TOTAL DISAGREE	24	36	23	20	27	21	24	26	21	38	19	22	24	25	22	21	24	27	23	21	26	23	22	27
Don't know	26	23	26	26	25	28	23	22	30	37	30	25	21	22	32	18	29	23	29	29	29	26	29	18

Individual police commissioners for each force will mean some areas have worse policing than others

Strongly agree	8	6	9	10	9	9	9	10	7	3	8	10	9	9	7	13	9	4	9	9	11	8	6	11
Agree	37	34	40	38	39	38	42	37	37	33	29	37	45	40	34	37	32	40	40	32	32	40	43	37
TOTAL AGREE	45	40	49	48	48	47	51	47	44	36	37	47	54	49	41	50	41	44	49	41	43	48	49	48
Neither agree nor disagree	25	24	23	28	25	26	22	23	26	14	29	25	25	26	22	28	25	26	25	27	28	22	18	27
Disagree	9	16	8	5	8	7	7	11	7	19	12	6	5	7	11	9	9	10	9	7	6	10	10	3
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	10	17	9	6	9	8	9	12	8	20	12	8	5	8	12	9	9	10	9	7	7	12	11	8
Don't know	20	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	22	30	22	20	16	17	25	13	23	20	18	25	23	19	22	16

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Local police commissioners will not be effective at holding police forces to account

Strongly agree	6	2	6	9	5	7	7	7	5	0	6	5	8	6	6	5	8	1	9	3	7	5	4	13
Agree	20	16	24	16	17	28	19	23	17	26	17	20	20	21	18	37	21	19	19	13	19	23	15	18
TOTAL AGREE	26	18	30	25	22	35	26	30	22	26	23	25	28	27	24	42	29	20	28	16	26	28	19	31
Neither agree nor disagree	30	27	26	40	29	25	30	26	33	24	32	29	31	31	28	26	23	42	27	34	24	28	37	25
Disagree	18	28	16	16	23	13	20	21	15	14	17	18	19	19	16	13	18	9	23	21	16	19	17	20
Strongly disagree	2	4	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	0	4	2	2	3	0	3	1	0	3	5	2	1	8
TOTAL DISAGREE	20	32	18	17	26	15	23	23	18	17	17	22	21	21	19	13	21	10	23	24	21	21	18	28
Don't know	24	22	26	18	23	25	21	21	27	32	27	24	19	21	28	19	26	28	22	26	27	22	26	16

Which of the following, if any, do you think the local police commissioners should concentrate on when they are elected? Please tick up to three options.

Anti social behaviour	59	68	56	57	67	58	55	59	59	46	56	62	61	60	57	61	64	59	62	58	53	55	60	59
Violent crime	52	54	56	47	56	51	48	48	55	38	50	56	54	51	54	55	58	50	55	45	57	52	48	45
Corruption in the police force	32	32	33	36	28	35	41	28	36	32	31	26	41	31	34	32	38	31	34	25	27	32	36	35
Sexual crimes	24	22	26	18	25	26	20	17	29	16	26	26	22	19	30	32	19	21	24	28	25	23	26	18
Burglary	23	28	22	16	25	24	24	25	22	22	21	25	24	25	22	30	23	20	31	24	17	22	27	18
Reducing delays in the justice system	22	30	18	23	26	20	23	21	23	14	21	20	29	23	21	26	28	18	27	17	21	17	24	29
Vandalism	16	18	13	17	17	10	16	18	14	23	13	13	19	17	14	8	12	16	15	12	19	19	20	13
Mugging	11	9	11	6	13	9	8	11	10	8	11	11	11	11	11	17	9	11	9	3	12	16	7	12
Traffic offences	5	2	6	7	3	6	5	5	5	8	4	6	2	5	5	2	3	4	1	1	6	7	5	12
Car theft	3	3	4	3	3	5	2	4	2	0	5	4	2	3	3	8	1	9	5	2	2	1	1	5
Other	4	2	4	8	3	3	7	5	4	1	3	5	6	4	4	2	4	5	1	7	7	2	5	2
None of these	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	1	4
Don't know	9	4	9	10	4	10	9	12	6	19	12	7	4	7	11	3	6	11	7	15	11	8	6	6

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Anyone can put themselves forward to be a local police commissioner as long as they are over 18, a UK, Commonwealth or EU citizen, have not committed an imprisonable offence and are registered to vote in the area where they would work.

Some candidates will also be supported or nominated by one of the main political parties, such as the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats or the Labour Party.

To what extent if at all do you approve or disapprove of candidates for local police commissioners being supported by a political party?

Strongly approve	2	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	2	7	3	2	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	5	2	2	2	2
Approve	9	12	13	11	8	12	10	11	7	13	12	8	6	8	11	12	7	9	6	11	6	11	7	13
TOTAL APPROVE	11	15	16	13	10	16	11	13	9	20	15	10	6	10	13	13	10	10	6	16	8	13	9	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	20	18	24	21	21	16	16	22	12	26	21	15	18	21	26	24	21	22	24	16	12	18	20
Disapprove	33	36	38	27	33	35	31	30	36	42	29	32	34	34	31	24	31	36	31	26	34	40	33	27
Strongly disapprove	28	24	22	28	30	22	33	35	22	15	19	28	40	30	25	28	25	28	32	22	33	26	33	32
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	61	60	60	55	63	57	64	65	58	57	48	60	74	64	56	52	56	64	63	48	67	66	66	59
Don't know	8	6	6	8	6	7	9	6	10	11	11	10	4	7	10	9	9	5	8	12	10	8	7	5

If you did decide to vote in the election for your local police commissioner, which of the following factors would be most important in deciding who you vote for?

How much they will concentrate on supporting the community in the fight against crime	27	34	25	18	31	26	19	29	24	29	30	27	22	27	26	25	28	28	23	35	25	25	23	28
How much they know about issues in the local community that can affect crime	22	24	21	32	23	16	27	20	23	28	20	21	21	25	18	16	24	23	23	14	18	23	30	15
How much they will work with other local organisations e.g. Job Centres of youth groups	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	1	2	4	2	3	3	4	4	1	2	1	5	3	2	3
If they live in your local area	11	9	11	10	9	14	15	10	12	7	8	12	14	9	14	17	10	13	9	8	12	12	11	12
Previous experience that they have with working with communities and involving them in decision making	16	14	18	20	16	17	17	14	18	14	13	15	19	16	16	13	14	16	24	15	17	16	13	17
Previous work with the police	9	9	9	6	10	9	7	8	9	5	10	8	9	9	8	15	9	7	14	4	6	10	7	6
Other	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	0	4	3	3	3	1
None of these	2	1	3	0	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	8
Don't know	9	4	9	9	6	10	7	11	8	12	14	8	6	7	12	3	8	9	4	18	13	7	9	8