

PCSO Survey

In their efforts to make clearer the roles given by local police forces to Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), the Home Office is consulting as to what standard powers PCSOs across the country should have. At present PCSOs in different regions of England and Wales have slightly different roles. For example, some detain suspects, whilst others do not. Some issue fines for graffiti, and some do not.

I would like to know your views. I believe that ensuring everyone has input into what the police do in our communities will help ensure an even more effective and responsive service.

Please return the completed form to Dan Norris MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or email your views to dan@dannorris.org.uk Thank you.

Dan Norris MP

Anti Social Behaviour

At present, PCSOs can obtain the name and address of someone they catch causing a disturbance. However, many forces do not allow their PCSOs to obtain the names and addresses of those damaging property. Whilst it is right we have PCSOs that can respond to anti-social behaviour, what more should they be able to do?

- 1 Should PCSOs be able to seize vehicles that cause alarm? Yes No
- 2 Should PCSOs have the ability to disperse groups of people and take under-16s back to their homes? Yes No

Alcohol and Drugs

All PCSOs can confiscate alcohol from people under age, but not all the regional forces allow their officers to enforce this in designated town centres and parks.

- 1 Should PCSOs be able to confiscate alcohol from anyone found drinking in public places such as town centres, parks and other recreational places? Yes No
- 2 Should PCSOs have the power to seize drugs from people caught in possession and then require their name and address? Yes No

Environment

When I meet people in their communities, one of the things that comes up time and again is people dropping litter, damaging property and putting graffiti on public and private property. Do you think PCSOs should have a role in:

- 1 Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to those caught littering? Yes No
- 2 Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to those fly posting and writing graffiti? Yes No

Detaining Suspects

Just half of forces currently allow their PCSOs to detain suspects, and only a third allow their PCSOs to search people for dangerous items. This is a contentious issue because there is a need to ensure PCSOs have the correct training to handle a potentially dangerous situation.

- 1 Should PCSOs be able to use reasonable force to prevent people escaping detention? Yes No
- 2 Should PCSOs be able to detain people? Yes No
- 3 Should PCSOs have the power to search people for dangerous items or items that might be used to assist in escaping? Yes No

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