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Table 1

Absolutes/col percents

Q.1 Next year elections will be held across the country to allow the public to vote for new Police Commissioners. These commissioners will set priorities for the local police force, oversee its budget and hire the chief constable. The elected commissioner will replace police authorities which are currently made up of local councillors and appointees. Were you familiar with these elections prior to this survey?

Base: All respondents

| | | Ge | ender | Age | | | | | | | Social | Grade | | | | | | Re | gion | | | | | Sector | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | <u>25-34</u> | <u>35-44</u> | <u>45-54</u> | <u>55-64</u> | 65+ | AB | | | _DE_ | North East | | York- shire & Humb- erside | West Mid- lands | East Mid- lands | Wales | East- ern | London | South East | | Public | Pri- vate | |
| Unweighted base | 1878 | 835 | 1043 | 149 | 300 | 409 | 348 | 302 | 370 | 700 | 464 | 267 | 447 | 99 | 245 | 179 | 197 | 162 | 110 | 193 | 223 | 280 | 190 | 324 | 703 | |
| Weighted base | 1872 | 916 | 956 | 225 | 306 | 360 | 320 | 277 | 384 | 494 | 539 | 400 | 439 | 93 | 241 | 181 | 190 | 159 | 109 | 192 | 258 | 263 | 187 | 323 | 733 | |
| Yes, I was familiar | 509 27% | 332 36% | 176 18% | 46 20% | 72 24% | 63 18% | 77 24% | 95 34% | 156 40% | 208 42% | 136 25% | 92 23% | 72 16% | 25 27% | 59 24% | 57 31% | 58 31% | 45 28% | 18 17% | 58 30% | 58 23% | 86 33% | 44 23% | 98 30% | 179 24% | |
| No, I wasn't familiar | 1363 73% | 584 64% | 780 82% | 179 80% | 234 76% | 296 82% | 244 76% | 182 66% | 229 60% | 286 58% | 403 75% | 308 77% | 367 84% | 68 73% | 182 76% | 124 69% | 131 69% | 114 72% | 90 83% | 134 70% | 200 77% | 177 67% | 143 77% | 224 70% | 555 76% | |



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Table 2 Q.2 Are you intending to vote, when the elections happen next November? **Base: All respondents**

| | | Ge | nder | Age | | | | | | | Social | Grade | | | | | | Re | gion | | | | | Emplo | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | York- shire | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | North | North | & Humb- | West Mid- | East Mid- | | East- | | South | South | | Pri- |
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | <u>25-34</u> | <u>35-44</u> | <u>45-54</u> | <u>55-64</u> | 65+ | AB | <u>C1</u> | <u>C2</u> | DE | East | West | erside | lands | lands | Wales | <u>ern</u> | London | East | West | Public | vate |
| Unweighted base | 1878 | 835 | 1043 | 149 | 300 | 409 | 348 | 302 | 370 | 700 | 464 | 267 | 447 | 99 | 245 | 179 | 197 | 162 | 110 | 193 | 223 | 280 | 190 | 324 | 703 |
| Weighted base | 1872 | 916 | 956 | 225 | 306 | 360 | 320 | 277 | 384 | 494 | 539 | 400 | 439 | 93 | 241 | 181 | 190 | 159 | 109 | 192 | 258 | 263 | 187 | 323 | 733 |
| Yes | 1299 69% | 632 69% | 667 70% | 127 57% | 195 64% | 239 66% | 215 67% | 198 71% | 324 84% | 399 81% | 369 68% | 248 62% | 282 64% | 62 67% | 164 68% | 123 68% | 136 72% | 114 71% | 70 65% | 134 70% | 161 63% | 205 78% | 128 69% | 221 68% | 486 66% |
| No | 573 31% | 284 31% | 289 30% | 97 43% | 111 36% | 121 34% | 105 33% | 79 29% | 60 16% | 95 19% | 170 32% | 151 38% | 157 36% | 31 33% | 77 32% | 58 32% | 53 28% | 46 29% | 38 35% | 58 30% | 97 37% | 58 22% | 59 31% | 102 32% | 248 34% |



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Table 3 Q.3 Which of the following, if any, would inform your voting choice for Police Commissioner? **Base: All respondents**

| | | Ge | Gender | | Age | | | | | | Social | Grade | | Region | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Mala | Famala | 40.04 | 25.24 | 25.44 | 4E E 4 | EE 64 | GE. | ΔD | C1 | C 2 | DE | | North West | York- shire & Humb- erside | West Mid- | East Mid- | Wales | East- | Landan | South East | South West | Public | Pri- | |
| Unweighted been | <u>Total</u> 1878 | <u>Male</u> 835 | Female 1043 | 18-24 149 | <u>25-34</u> 300 | <u>35-44</u> 409 | <u>45-54</u> 348 | 302 | <u>65+</u> 370 | AB 700 | <u>C1</u> 464 | <u>C2</u> 267 | <u>DE</u> 447 | East | 245 | 179 | lands 197 | lands 162 | 110 | <u>ern</u> 193 | London 223 | 280 | 190 | 324 | vate | |
| Unweighted base | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 99 | | | | | | | | | | | 703 | |
| Weighted base | 1872 | 916 | 956 | 225 | 306 | 360 | 320 | 277 | 384 | 494 | 539 | 400 | 439 | 93 | 241 | 181 | 190 | 159 | 109 | 192 | 258 | 263 | 187 | 323 | 733 | |
| Their willingness to support the community in the fight against crime | 1019 54% | 499 54% | 520 54% | 70 31% | 133 44% | 177 49% | 176 55% | 187 68% | 276 72% | 307 62% | 300 56% | 181 45% | 231 53% | 47 50% | 135 56% | 94 52% | 106 56% | 89 56% | 46 42% | 105 54% | 147 57% | 146 55% | 106 57% | 164 51% | 347 47% | |
| Their knowledge of issues within your local community that can affect crime | 1011 54% | 496 54% | 516 54% | 84 38% | 134 44% | 183 51% | 171 53% | 164 59% | 275 72% | 315 64% | 298 55% | 180 45% | 218 50% | 45 49% | 128 53% | 100 55% | 97 51% | 85 53% | 50 46% | 97 50% | 143 55% | 154 58% | 113 61% | 181 56% | 335 46% | |
| Their willingness to work with other local public services | 759 41% | 362 39% | 398 42% | 59 26% | 96 31% | 129 36% | 147 46% | 130 47% | 199 52% | 231 47% | 229 42% | 132 33% | 167 38% | 34 37% | 110 46% | 68 38% | 76 40% | 63 39% | 43 40% | 85 44% | 94 37% | 112 42% | 74 39% | 143 44% | 244 33% | |
| Their desire to serve the community | 742 40% | 366 40% | 376 39% | 68 30% | 114 37% | 131 36% | 134 42% | 123 44% | 173 45% | 219 44% | 213 40% | 142 36% | 167 38% | 32 35% | 104 43% | 60 33% | 78 41% | 60 38% | 36 33% | 79 41% | 122 47% | 105 40% | 67 36% | 123 38% | 254 35% | |
| Living in your local area | 713 38% | 346 38% | 367 38% | 70 31% | 98 32% | 136 38% | 118 37% | 108 39% | 182 47% | 213 43% | 198 37% | 146 37% | 156 36% | 33 36% | 98 41% | 70 38% | 70 37% | 68 43% | 40 37% | 84 44% | 73 28% | 102 39% | 74 40% | 113 35% | 259 35% | |
| Their experience of engaging and consulting with communities | 691 37% | 316 35% | 374 39% | 56 25% | 92 30% | 123 34% | 111 35% | 123 44% | 187 49% | 227 46% | 200 37% | 115 29% | 149 34% | 35 38% | 90 37% | 62 34% | 73 39% | 59 37% | 40 37% | 66 34% | 88 34% | 106 40% | 72 39% | 129 40% | 204 28% | |
| Their work for or alongside the police | 600 32% | 281 31% | 319 33% | 55 24% | 78 25% | 105 29% | 97 30% | 102 37% | 164 43% | 192 39% | 174 32% | 102 25% | 132 30% | 27 29% | 73 30% | 51 28% | 65 34% | 52 33% | 32 30% | 58 30% | 82 32% | 93 35% | 66 35% | 111 34% | 189 26% | |
| None of these | 124 7% | 82 9% | 42 4% | 22 10% | 29 9% | 23 6% | 21 7% | 18 6% | 12 3% | 19 4% | 37 7% | 33 8% | 35 8% | 5 5% | 19 8% | 9 5% | 15 8% | 11 7% | 11 11% | 12 6% | 15 6% | 14 5% | 12 6% | 26 8% | 63 9% | |
| Don't know | 350 19% | 138 15% | 212 22% | 62 28% | 58 19% | 74 21% | 74 23% | 37 13% | 45 12% | 63 13% | 97 18% | 81 20% | 108 25% | 22 24% | 40 17% | 36 20% | 29 15% | 25 16% | 20 18% | 47 25% | 41 16% | 53 20% | 37 20% | 51 16% | 158 22% | |



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Table 4 Q.3b Of these, which would be most important in informing your voting choice? **Base: All respondents**

| | | Ge | nder | Age | | | | | | | Social | Grade | | Region | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | North East | North West | York- shire & Humb- erside | West Mid- lands | East Mid- lands | Wales | East- ern | London | South East | South West | Public | Pri- vate |
| Unweighted base | 1878 | 835 | 1043 | 149 | 300 | 409 | 348 | 302 | 370 | 700 | 464 | 267 | 447 | 99 | 245 | 179 | 197 | 162 | 110 | 193 | 223 | 280 | 190 | 324 | 703 |
| Weighted base | 1872 | 916 | 956 | 225 | 306 | 360 | 320 | 277 | 384 | 494 | 539 | 400 | 439 | 93 | 241 | 181 | 190 | 159 | 109 | 192 | 258 | 263 | 187 | 323 | 733 |
| Their knowledge of issues within your local community that can affect crime | 467 | 230 | 238 | 38 | 71 | 81 | 84 | 72 | 120 | 149 | 129 | 84 | 106 | 23 | 60 | 44 | 42 | 29 | 32 | 42 | 76 | 70 | 49 | 86 | 163 |
| | 25% | 25% | 25% | 17% | 23% | 23% | 26% | 26% | 31% | 30% | 24% | 21% | 24% | 25% | 25% | 24% | 22% | 18% | 30% | 22% | 29% | 26% | 26% | 27% | 22% |
| Their willingness to support the community in the fight against crime | 440 24% | 221 24% | 219 23% | 29 13% | 56 18% | 76 21% | 74 23% | 90 33% | 116 30% | 127 26% | 139 26% | 86 21% | 89 20% | 22 24% | 53 22% | 35 20% | 46 24% | 47 30% | 21 19% | 50 26% | 50 19% | 65 25% | 50 27% | 64 20% | 167 23% |
| Living in your local area | 186 | 99 | 87 | 36 | 37 | 42 | 15 | 19 | 37 | 39 | 54 | 60 | 33 | 11 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 22 | 16 | 31 | 88 |
| | 10% | 11% | 9% | 16% | 12% | 12% | 5% | 7% | 10% | 8% | 10% | 15% | 8% | 12% | 11% | 14% | 12% | 12% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 12% |
| Their desire to serve the community | 112 | 57 | 55 | 13 | 32 | 24 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 31 | 29 | 30 | 23 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 28 | 15 | 10 | 18 | 39 |
| | 6% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 10% | 7% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 4% | 11% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Their experience of engaging and consulting with communities | 79 | 29 | 50 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 31 | 25 | 7 | 17 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 20 |
| | 4% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 2% | 6% | 3% |
| Their work for or alongside the police | 65 | 34 | 31 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 19 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 15 |
| | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 7% | 1% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 2% |
| Their willingness to work with other local public services | 49 | 26 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 21 |
| | 3% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 3% |
| None of these | 124 | 82 | 42 | 22 | 29 | 23 | 21 | 18 | 12 | 19 | 37 | 33 | 35 | 5 | 19 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 26 | 63 |
| | 7% | 9% | 4% | 10% | 9% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 8% | 8% | 5% | 8% | 5% | 8% | 7% | 11% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 8% | 9% |
| Don't know | 350 | 138 | 212 | 62 | 58 | 74 | 74 | 37 | 45 | 63 | 97 | 81 | 108 | 22 | 40 | 36 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 47 | 41 | 53 | 37 | 51 | 158 |
| | 19% | 15% | 22% | 28% | 19% | 21% | 23% | 13% | 12% | 13% | 18% | 20% | 25% | 24% | 17% | 20% | 15% | 16% | 18% | 25% | 16% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 22% |



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Table 5

Q.4 Which three of the following, if any, do you think should be the key priorities for the newly elected police commissioner to tackle in your local area?

Base: All respondents

| | | Ge | nder | Age | | | | | | | Social | Grade | | | | | | Re | gion | | | | | Employment Sector | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | North | North | York- shire & Humb- | West Mid- | East Mid- | | East- | | South | South | | Pri- | |
| | _Total_ | Male | Female | <u>18-24</u> | <u>25-34</u> | <u>35-44</u> | <u>45-54</u> | <u>55-64</u> | 65+ | _AB_ | _C1_ | <u>C2</u> | DE | East | West | erside | lands | | Wales | ern | London | East | | Public | vate | |
| Unweighted base | 1878 | 835 | 1043 | 149 | 300 | 409 | 348 | 302 | 370 | 700 | 464 | 267 | 447 | 99 | 245 | 179 | 197 | 162 | 110 | 193 | 223 | 280 | 190 | 324 | 703 | |
| Weighted base | 1872 | 916 | 956 | 225 | 306 | 360 | 320 | 277 | 384 | 494 | 539 | 400 | 439 | 93 | 241 | 181 | 190 | 159 | 109 | 192 | 258 | 263 | 187 | 323 | 733 | |
| Anti-social behaviour | 1335 | 660 | 675 | 130 | 219 | 273 | 239 | 194 | 281 | 346 | 385 | 279 | 325 | 67 | 173 | 127 | 137 | 116 | 80 | 142 | 158 | 193 | 143 | 235 | 530 | |
| | 71% | 72% | 71% | 58% | 72% | 76% | 75% | 70% | 73% | 70% | 71% | 70% | 74% | 72% | 72% | 70% | 72% | 73% | 74% | 74% | 61% | 73% | 76% | 73% | 72% | |
| Gun and knife crime | 798 | 400 | 398 | 108 | 121 | 135 | 135 | 126 | 173 | 185 | 234 | 177 | 201 | 54 | 103 | 84 | 73 | 63 | 34 | 65 | 148 | 99 | 74 | 132 | 303 | |
| | 43% | 44% | 42% | 48% | 39% | 38% | 42% | 46% | 45% | 38% | 43% | 44% | 46% | 59% | 43% | 46% | 39% | 40% | 31% | 34% | 57% | 38% | 39% | 41% | 41% | |
| Property crime (such as burglary) | 691 | 355 | 336 | 66 | 95 | 141 | 119 | 106 | 164 | 195 | 215 | 134 | 146 | 30 | 82 | 68 | 74 | 67 | 42 | 88 | 55 | 107 | 79 | 103 | 281 | |
| | 37% | 39% | 35% | 29% | 31% | 39% | 37% | 38% | 43% | 39% | 40% | 34% | 33% | 33% | 34% | 38% | 39% | 42% | 38% | 46% | 21% | 41% | 42% | 32% | 38% | |
| Gangs | 583 | 312 | 270 | 72 | 94 | 116 | 113 | 74 | 114 | 141 | 162 | 133 | 147 | 28 | 84 | 57 | 63 | 56 | 22 | 51 | 119 | 59 | 43 | 81 | 254 | |
| | 31% | 34% | 28% | 32% | 31% | 32% | 35% | 27% | 30% | 28% | 30% | 33% | 33% | 31% | 35% | 32% | 33% | 35% | 20% | 26% | 46% | 22% | 23% | 25% | 35% | |
| Young offenders | 551 | 250 | 302 | 78 | 111 | 107 | 92 | 79 | 85 | 173 | 134 | 120 | 125 | 29 | 65 | 52 | 70 | 41 | 30 | 62 | 78 | 80 | 46 | 93 | 218 | |
| | 29% | 27% | 32% | 35% | 36% | 30% | 29% | 28% | 22% | 35% | 25% | 30% | 28% | 31% | 27% | 29% | 37% | 26% | 27% | 32% | 30% | 30% | 25% | 29% | 30% | |
| Alcohol-related crime | 508 | 217 | 291 | 56 | 71 | 102 | 75 | 87 | 118 | 140 | 165 | 81 | 122 | 19 | 60 | 52 | 39 | 48 | 46 | 60 | 50 | 74 | 60 | 101 | 163 | |
| | 27% | 24% | 30% | 25% | 23% | 28% | 23% | 31% | 31% | 28% | 31% | 20% | 28% | 21% | 25% | 29% | 21% | 30% | 43% | 31% | 20% | 28% | 32% | 31% | 22% | |
| Other violent crime | 355 | 168 | 187 | 40 | 45 | 54 | 63 | 67 | 86 | 82 | 99 | 76 | 97 | 16 | 59 | 32 | 28 | 23 | 7 | 39 | 54 | 59 | 37 | 54 | 133 | |
| | 19% | 18% | 20% | 18% | 15% | 15% | 20% | 24% | 22% | 17% | 18% | 19% | 22% | 17% | 25% | 18% | 15% | 15% | 7% | 20% | 21% | 22% | 20% | 17% | 18% | |
| Vehicle theft | 182 | 80 | 102 | 14 | 37 | 36 | 31 | 28 | 35 | 44 | 55 | 46 | 38 | 15 | 23 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 27 | 15 | 25 | 14 | 22 | 85 | |
| | 10% | 9% | 11% | 6% | 12% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 9% | 9% | 10% | 12% | 9% | 16% | 10% | 11% | 8% | 7% | 15% | 14% | 6% | 10% | 7% | 7% | 12% | |
| Counter-terrorism | 177 | 91 | 86 | 26 | 22 | 20 | 40 | 27 | 41 | 47 | 52 | 36 | 42 | 6 | 24 | 21 | 18 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 23 | 31 | 21 | 34 | 64 | |
| | 9% | 10% | 9% | 12% | 7% | 6% | 12% | 10% | 11% | 10% | 10% | 9% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 12% | 9% | 12% | 5% | 5% | 9% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 9% | |
| Other | 75 4% | 46 5% | 29 3% | 16 7% | 14 5% | 20 5% | 7 2% | 9 3% | 9 2% | 18 4% | 22 4% | 27 7% | 7 2% | * | 11 5% | 5 3% | 5 3% | 7 4% | 8 7% | 8 4% | 15 6% | 6 2% | 9 5% | 23 7% | 31 4% | |

