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**#ChallengePolicing  
#ChangePolicing  
#ImprovePolicing**

### OUR VALUES



OPENNESS



PARTNERSHIP



COMPASSION



COURAGE



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# EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY

## Become a PCC Volunteer

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to review, improve and scrutinise policing practices. To help us do this, we work with local people as volunteers.

This means we can get their independent views and feedback on a range of policing issues. We do this through participation in one of four areas, looking at different aspects of police work.

We are looking for people of all backgrounds, ages, and experience across the Avon and Somerset area to volunteer with us and act as independent parties. We particularly encourage applications from people under 30, women and people from Black, Asian, mixed and minoritised communities.

## An overview of our panels



### ISOPP Panel

Independent Scrutiny of Police Powers

This panel meets quarterly to review police Use of Force. These meetings include reviewing police bodycam footage and commenting on the appropriate Use of Force and stop and search.

### ISOPC Panel

Independent Scrutiny of Police Complaints

This panel reviews complaints made to the police by members of the public, assessing them for efficiency, fairness, transparency and service to communities.



### ICVs

Independent Custody Visitors

Volunteers visit police stations in pairs at times to suit them. These unannounced visits involve checking on the welfare of people detained in custody by the police to see the conditions in which they are being held, ensure their rights are being observed and will involve speaking to detainees accompanied by a police custody officer. The scheme covers the custody units in Bridgwater, Keynsham and Patchway.

### OCCD Panel

Out of Court Disposals

Out of Court Disposals are a way for the police to deal with less serious offending. This panel includes members of the Criminal Justice System and victim support services. The panel meets quarterly to review whether decisions were proportionate, timely, victim-focused and rehabilitative.



## How to apply

We ask those who want to become a volunteer to complete an application form, which can be found:

<https://avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/volunteering>

Application closes on **6 January 2023**.

If you're deemed a suitable candidate, you will be asked to attend an interview lasting approximately 45 minutes.

If you're successful, you will be invited to become a volunteer subject to a satisfactory vetting check.

Questions about our volunteering positions can be emailed to:

 [opccvolunteering@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:opccvolunteering@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

and a member of the team will get back to you.