

How long will I be a member?

We want to make sure that, over time, as many London residents as possible have the opportunity to take part, and so we will have to ask panelists to step down after a period of time – probably two to three years. It is also inevitable that some people will drop out of the panel and therefore membership will be maintained by introducing new members. This will ensure that the panel remains representative of London as a whole.

Our promises to you

- All the survey data we gather will be confidential and will be managed by OPM and its partner organisations
- The MPA will also hold a confidential database so that it can contact and communicate with panel members in the future – for example, with invitations to events, panel newsletters, etc
- We will abide by the Data Protection Act by not passing information you give us to any other party for purposes other than research and consultation by MPA
- We will keep you informed of what you have told us and how your views feed into decision making.

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Safer London Panel

Thank you for agreeing to join the Safer London Panel. The panel is made up of a representative sample of people from across London, recruited on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA).

We will keep you informed about the progress of the panel by sending you feedback on survey results and, from time to time, we will send you invitations to panel events. We would also welcome your views on the panel and how it is run.

We hope the information in this leaflet will help you understand the important role the panel, and your involvement, has to play in making sure the Metropolitan Police are dealing with the issues that are of real concern to Londoners.

Thank you once again for agreeing to join the panel – we look forward to working with you!



The Metropolitan Police Authority

The MPA is the independent statutory organisation responsible for maintaining an effective, efficient and fair police service for London.

The establishment of the Authority marked a fundamental change in the policing of London, for the first time giving Londoners a regime of democratic accountability for policing in their city. The 23 members of the Authority scrutinise and support the work of the Metropolitan Police.

Some of the Authority's important tasks are to increase community confidence and trust in London's police service and to secure continuous improvement in the way policing is provided.

An essential role of the Authority is to listen to the real concerns of Londoners about crime and policing. The information collected informs the Annual Policing Plan and the setting of priorities for the forthcoming year.

The MPA wants to consult people about a wide range of issues to do with policing and community safety to help formulate the Metropolitan Police Service's priorities for future years – and that's where your involvement with the Safer London Panel counts.

Safer London Panel facts

What is the Safer London Panel?

3,000 residents have been recruited randomly from the population of Greater London and will be asked to give their views on a wide range of issues about how London is policed. The panel reflects London's population – people from age 16 upwards are represented, along with different ethnic groups, employed and unemployed people, those with disabilities and people who live in all types of accommodation.

Who runs the panel?

The panel is run by the Office for Public Management (OPM), an independent research organisation, on behalf of the MPA.

What will I have to do?

There are a number of ways you can participate, including:

- self-completion surveys – these will take about 20 minutes to complete and we will provide a pre-paid envelope for replying;

A one-day workshop has already taken place as part of the panel's activities. People were invited when they were recruited to the panel – apologies if you were not asked and would have liked to take part. There will be plenty of other opportunities to be involved in similar events.



Participants considered four themes: dealing with anti-social behaviour; terrorism and major incidents; effective relations with the community; and tackling serious crime.

Participants' recommendations included:

- the police should be more visible, with more foot patrols
- the focus should be on preventing crime through working closely with communities
- a fuller public information and awareness campaign is needed, providing useful information in an accessible and relevant way
- Londoners need to know that an effective contingency plan exists in case of a terrorist attack
- anti-social behaviour is a major problem and needs to be tackled through both preventative measures and tough legislation.



Thanks again to everyone who attended the workshop. The findings will inform the Metropolitan Police Authority priorities for policing London over the next year.

- discussion groups – you may be invited to take part in discussions of about 10 people when the views of a particular group of people are required, or when issues need to be considered in more depth;
- events – we will also organise events for you to get together with other panel members and exchange ideas and views.