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Share your views on Neighbourhood Policing in North Yorkshire

Are you aware of your local police officers, feel well informed about their work in your community and know how to contact them?

People need all kinds of support from their police force, some may be frustrated with poor driving or feel unsafe after a burglary next door, while others generally feel safe and just want to know that if they need the police, they will get a prompt response.

Whatever your situation, it's important that you're satisfied with the service from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, and that's why, today, Julia Mulligan, elected Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, has launched a survey to find out what people think about the local service they are receiving from North Yorkshire Police.

The survey, which is being conducted just over one year since changes were made to the structure of local policing, can be filled out online at www.telljulia.com. Local policing was put forward by the public as a top priority for the police, which is why your views are important.

Julia said: "About twelve months ago, changes were made to the make-up of neighbourhood policing teams. I am keen to find out if these have been successful, and to know if people are satisfied with local policing—and as always, if people feel safe. The best way for me to do this, is to speak to residents and business, the very people who rely on their local PCSOs and officers to keep them safe."

There are 27 local neighbourhood policing teams in North Yorkshire and the City of York, made up of Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, PCSOs and multi-agency partners and volunteers. The Rural Task Force, North Yorkshire Police's dedicated rural crime team, also form part of neighbourhood policing.

The job of the neighbourhood policing teams is to engage with communities, working with partners such as councils and residents' groups, to understand your local needs, proactively prevent crime, and to protect and police local communities.

Julia added: "I would encourage anyone to take part and share their views, as I'd like as many people to respond as possible. You might be a member of the public, or perhaps have needed support from local police in the past, or be a local councillor, or other community official. Everyone deserves a say in the way their police force is run, and I will always take people's views seriously, because it is vitally important that the public receives a good service."

The Neighbourhood Policing Survey requests people's views on a number of topics, such as how aware you are of your neighbourhood policing team, your perception of crime and anti-social behaviour, and how satisfied you are with your local service.

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FEEL SAFE**





The survey can be completed online at www.telljulia.com, alternatively, request a paper copy from your local council building or library. The survey closes on Sunday 29 July.

If you don't have access to the internet, visit your local library to complete the survey, where the first 30 minutes of internet access is free.

The findings from the survey will be published next year and used to ensure local policing receives the support it needs, as one of the public's top priorities in the current Police and Crime Plan.

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