



NATIONAL POLICE SURVEY

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Norman Brennan and I have served nearly 29 years as a frontline police officer with the British Transport Police. In 1993 I launched Protect the Protectors Campaign in order to highlight the dangers that police officers face on the streets of Britain. The campaign was supported by tens of thousands of police officers throughout the UK and was influential in achieving much better protection for all police officers.

Since 1993 I have taken part in numerous interviews throughout the national media. This I believe has enabled me to enhance the good reputation of the police service as well as drawing attention to the needs of the victims of crime.

The enforcement of a strong and confident blue line is still the primary means of protecting society. However, in my opinion the police service has recently received adverse and unfair publicity. You may feel that the only people to date who have not had the opportunity to voice their concerns are the all important police officers. Now is your chance to make your views count by completing this survey along with thousands of your colleagues.

This survey has been compiled in consultation with police officers from Constable to Chief Superintendent. Its findings will be analysed by an independent polling organisation and the results will be published. This survey will communicate the views of the police service to those who are responsible and have the power to effect change.

The results will be sent to:

- Her Majesty The Queen
- The Prime Minister
- The Home Secretary
- All other relevant bodies and organisations

This survey will be a powerful means for voicing your views. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

PC Norman Brennan



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Police Force:

- Regular Officer Special Constable

Length of Service Yrs

- Frontline Officer Other

- Authorised Firearms Officer Other

- Male Female

Into which of the following age brackets do you fall?

- 18-24 yrs 35-44 yrs
 25-34 yrs 45-54 yrs
 55-60 yrs

Ethnic Origin

- White
 Black African
 Black Caribbean
 Black Other
 Indian
 Pakistani
 Bangladeshi
 Chinese
 Other
(please specify)

1. How confident are you of the public's support?

- Very Confident Not very confident
 Confident Not confident
 Neither confident or not confident Don't know

2. How satisfied are you with the standard of leadership within your force?

- Very satisfied Dissatisfied
 Satisfied Very dissatisfied
 Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Don't know

3. I believe that the Police Federation satisfactorily meets the needs of its members, in the following areas:

- a) Discipline - representation Agree Disagree Don't know
b) Representation with Senior Management Agree Disagree Don't know
c) Representing members' views with the media Agree Disagree Don't know
d) Welfare issues Agree Disagree Don't know
e) Advice, information, updates Agree Disagree Don't know

4. How would you describe your morale?

- Very high Fairly low
 Fairly high Very low
 Neither high or low Don't know

5. If you were offered another job (other than police work) with a similar rate of pay, would you take it?

- Yes No Don't know

6. Have you ever been assaulted whilst on duty?

- Yes No

If so, approximately how many times (write in box)

7. Given the choice, would you personally want to be armed with a firearm whilst on duty?

- Yes Don't know
 No Not applicable

8. Which of the following, if any, do you feel should be armed with a firearm?

- No further arming of the police All Officers
 Only Uniform/Patrol Don't know
 Only specialist units

9. How confident are you that senior officers in your force consider the protection of you and your colleagues a priority?

- Very Confident Not very confident
 Confident Not confident
 Neither confident or not confident Don't know

(To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?)

10. My force strives to meet the needs of the public.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

11. The probation service satisfactorily supervises offenders.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

12. Probation as a community sentence reduces offending.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

13. Tougher sentencing will reduce crime.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

14. The over-emphasis on political correctness adversely affects the way the police service is run.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

15. I have confidence in the police complaints and discipline procedure.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

16. I have confidence in the grievance procedure.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

17. I believe that the management of my force appreciates the professional integrity of its members.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

18. The management of my force does its best to protect its members against adverse publicity from the media.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

19. I believe the police service, as an organisation, treats its members and the public equally irrespective of their race or origin.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

20. I am less inclined to stop & search a suspect from a minority ethnic background in comparison with a white person in the same instance.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- Not applicable

21. In your experience, how many victims/witnesses are reluctant to attend court for fear of reprisals from the offender?

- The majority of victims/witnesses
- A large number of victims/witnesses
- Some victims/witnesses
- Only a few victims/witnesses
- Not applicable
- Don't know

22. Do you think the level of proof required by the CPS before deciding to prosecute is...?

- Too low
- About right
- Too high
- Don't know

23. I believe the CPS discontinue too high a number of cases, that could have resulted in prosecution, due to cost implications.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

24. How often, if at all, does the amount of paperwork required by the CPS influence your decision to make an arrest?

- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- Don't know
- Not applicable

25. The Criminal Justice System adequately considers the welfare of victims.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

26. What do you think will happen to the level of violent crime in the next five years?

- Increase
- Stay the same
- Decrease
- Don't know

27. In your opinion, what do you think will happen to the level of violence against the police in the next five years?

- Increase
- Stay the same
- Decrease
- Don't know

28. I would seriously consider striking about my current level of pay?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

29. How many Chief Constables do you feel are prepared to speak out, whilst serving, regarding issues with policing and the Criminal Justice System?

- All Chief Constables
- Most Chief Constables
- A few Chief Constables
- No Chief Constables
- Don't know

30. All police officers should be issued with tasers as a weapon of defence and sedation.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

31. I believe sentences handed out by magistrates and judges generally act as a punishment for offenders.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

32. I believe sentences handed out by magistrates and judges generally act as a deterrent to would be offenders.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

33. Similar to gun crime legislation, mandatory prison sentences should be introduced for those carrying a knife in a public place without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

34. How effective are PCSOs in preventing crime?

- Very effective
- Effective
- Neither effective or not effective
- Not very effective
- Not at all effective
- Don't know

35. How useful are PCSOs in helping front line police officers tackle crime effectively?

- Very useful
- Useful
- Neither useful or not useful
- Not very useful
- Not at all useful
- Don't know

36. Have you ever been made to feel intimidated, embarrassed, humiliated, bullied or harassed by a senior member of staff over a period of time?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

37. I believe government targets are making the police less effective.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

38. In the fight against major and everyday crime, every person should be DNA tested.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

39. Do you think the age of criminal responsibility (currently 10 years of age) should be...?

- Increased Decreased
 Stay the same Don't know

40. Which of the following best describes your view towards media coverage of the police?

- a) Most media coverage of the police is fair
b) About half the media coverage of the police is biased and unfair but about half is fair
c) Most media coverage of the police is biased and unfair
d) Don't know

41. How concerned, if it all, are you about the future ability of the British Police Service to combat crime?

- Very concerned Not very concerned
 Concerned Not at all concerned
 Neither concerned or not concerned Don't know

42. To what extent do you believe Chief Police Officers and the government protect firearms officers who have been involved in a fatal shooting?

- Greater extent than they should
About the right extent
Lesser extent than they should
Don't know

43. The government has been tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

44. Which one of the following statements best describes your view?

- The stop and search form collects important information and the forms are an acceptable way to collect this data
The stop and search form collects important information but takes too long to complete
The stop and search form does not collect important information and should be abolished
Don't know

45. Which one of the following statements best describes your view?

- The stop and account form collects important information and the forms are an acceptable way to collect this data
The stop and account form collects important information but takes too long to complete
The stop and account form does not collect important information and should be abolished
Don't know

46. I am happy with the training I have received for the tasks I regularly perform.

- Strongly agree Disagree
 Agree Strongly disagree
 Neither agree or disagree Don't know

47. On roughly what proportion of your shifts does staffing meet recommended levels?

- More than 75% of my shifts
50-75% of my shifts
25-49% of my shifts
Fewer than 25% of my shifts
Don't know / Not applicable

48. How often, if ever, do concerns about Health and Safety regulations prevent you from taking the action you think is most appropriate?

- Very often Rarely / never
 Sometimes Don't know
 Not very often

49. Given the finite resourcing in the police service, do you believe ...?

- Specialist units divert too much of a police officer's time that should be used on the front line
The resourcing given to specialist units is an effective use of police time
Don't know

50. I believe that the resources diverted from frontline policing for the prevention of terrorism are...?

- Too high Too low
 About right Don't know

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