

Community Attitudes Survey Questionnaire 1994/95

1 Satisfaction with Local Area

q2 How many years have you lived in this area?

- 1 Less than one year
- 2 One but less than two years
- 3 Two but less than five years
- 4 Five but less than ten years
- 5 Ten years or more
- 6 Since birth

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q3 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with this area as a place to live in?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 Fairly dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied

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q4 Taking everything into account, would you say that during the last two years this area has got a better place to live in, got worse or remained about the same?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 About the same

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q5 Over the next few years, would you expect this area to get better as a place to live in, get worse or remain about the same?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 About the same

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Q6a01-12

Which, if any, of the things listed on this card would you say are a problem in this area?

- 1 Noisy neighbours or loud parties
- 2 Graffiti on walls or buildings
- 3 Teenagers hanging around on the streets
- 4 Drunks or tramps on the streets
- 5 Rubbish or litter lying around
- 6 Homes and gardens in bad condition
- 7 Vandalism and deliberate damage to property
- 8 Family rows
- 9 Sexual assaults on women or children
- 10 Problems with dogs
- 11 Illegal drug abuse
- 12 Child abuse
- 13 None

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2 Levels of Crime

Q7 How common would you say it is for peoples homes to be burgled in this area?

- 1 Very common
- 2 Fairly common
- 3 Not very common
- 4 Not at all common

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Q8 How common is deliberate damage done by vandals in this area?

- 1 Very common
- 2 Fairly common
- 3 Not very common
- 4 Not at all common

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Q9 How common is it in this area for people to be attacked and to have things stolen from them in the street?

- 1 Very common
- 2 Fairly common
- 3 Not very common
- 4 Not at all common

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Q10 How common is it for cars to be damaged or stolen, or for property to be stolen from cars?

- 1 Very common
- 2 Fairly common
- 3 Not very common
- 4 Not at all common

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Q12 Thinking of non-sectarian crime - do you think that in general there is a lot more crime in this area compared with two years ago, a bit more, about the same amount, a bit less or a lot less crime?

- 1 A lot more
- 2 A bit more
- 3 About the same
- 4 A bit less
- 5 A lot less

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Q13 Again thinking about non-sectarian crime - do you think that the level of crime in this area is higher than, lower than or about the same as Great Britain?

- 1 A lot higher
- 4 A bit lower
- 5 A lot lower
- 2 A bit higher
- 3 About the same

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Q14 Do you think that the level of crime (excluding sectarian crime) in Northern Ireland as a whole is higher than, lower than or about the same as Great Britain?

- 1 A lot higher
- 4 A bit lower
- 5 A lot lower
- 2 A bit higher
- 3 About the same

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3 Personal Fear of Crime

q15a Do you ever walk alone after dark in this area?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Never leave home

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q15b When you go out/if you were to go out how safe do/would you feel walking alone after dark in this area?

- 1 Very safe
- 2 Fairly safe
- 3 Not very safe
- 4 Not at all safe

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q16a Are you ever alone in your home after dark?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q16b How safe do/would you feel alone in your home after dark?

- 1 Very safe
- 2 Fairly safe
- 3 Not very safe
- 4 Not at all safe

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q17a How likely it is that you will have your home broken into and something stolen?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17b How likely is it that you will be mugged and robbed?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17c How likely is it that you will be raped or sexually assaulted?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17d How likely is it that you will have your home damaged by vandals?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17e How likely is it that you will have your car stolen?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17f How likely is it that you will have things stolen from your car?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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q17g

How likely is it that you will have your car damaged by vandals?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Not applicable (q17e only) Not applicable in current situation (q17h only)

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4 Precautions Taken Against Crime

q18 In the last 7 days, have you spent any evenings outside your home for any reason?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q19 How often do you usually go out after dark?

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 At least once a fortnight
- 3 At least once a month
- 4 Less often than once a month
- 5 Never

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q20a Do you use a burglar alarm in your home?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q20b Do you use double locks or deadlocks on outside doors?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q20c Do you use window locks that need keys to open them?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q20d Do you use indoor or outdoor lights on a timer or sensor switch?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q21a Do you keep a dog?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q21b Is the dog kept mainly for protection against burglary or mainly for other reasons?

- 1 Mainly for protection
- 2 Mainly for other reasons

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q22a During the time you have lived here, has your household had a security survey of your home by the police?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q22b During the time you have lived here, has your household marked bicycles with your postcode?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not applicable

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q22c During the time you have lived here, has your household put security markings on other household property?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q22d During the time you have lived here, has your household told a neighbour the times when your home is usually left empty?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q23 Taking everything into account, how difficult do you think it would be for a burglar to get into your home?

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Fairly easy
- 3 Fairly difficult
- 4 Very difficult

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q24 Are the contents of your home insured against theft?

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q25a Do you own or have the use of a car or van at present as a driver or passenger?

- 1 Yes, as a driver
- 2 Yes, as a passenger
- 3 No

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q26a Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have central locking on all doors so that locking one door locks all?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q26b Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have door locks which can't be opened if a window has been broken?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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q26c Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have windows etched with the registration number?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q26d Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have a security-coded radio or cassette player?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not applicable

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q26e Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have an alarm?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q26f Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have an immobiliser (Krooklock etc)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q26g Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have an engine cut-out device?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q26h Thinking about the car/van you use most often does this car/van have locking wheel nuts?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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5 Policing Priorities

q27a What, in your view, should receive most attention from the police in this area?

- 3 Theft of or from cars
- 4 Assaults
- 5 Damage to property/vandalism
- 6 Speeding
- 7 Drinking and driving
- 8 Drunk and disorderly people
- 9 Family rows
- 10 Sexual assaults on women or children
- 11 Illegal drug abuse
- 12 Child abuse
- 13 Unable to choose
- 14 All equally important
- 15 None of these
- 1 Terrorism
- 2 Burglary

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q28a How good a job do you think the police are already doing in your area to deal with [problem identified in q27a]?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Neither good nor poor
- 4 Fairly poor
- 5 Very poor

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q29a What, in your view, should receive most attention from the police in Northern Ireland as a whole?

- 3 Theft of or from cars
- 4 Assaults
- 5 Damage to property/vandalism
- 6 Speeding
- 7 Drinking and driving
- 8 Drunk and disorderly people
- 9 Family rows
- 10 Sexual assaults on women or children
- 11 Illegal drug abuse
- 12 Child abuse
- 13 Unable to choose
- 14 All equally important
- 15 None of these
- 1 Terrorism
- 2 Burglary

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q30a

How good a job do you think the police are already doing in Northern Ireland to deal with [problem identified in q29a]?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Neither good nor poor
- 4 Fairly poor
- 5 Very poor

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q31a

Of the things listed on this card which one would you, personally, most like to see more of in Northern Ireland?

- 1 More police on the streets in cars
- 2 More police on the streets on foot
- 3 More army acting in support of the police
- 4 Closer links between police and local community groups
- 5 More advice on preventing crime
- 6 More advice on preventing accidents
- 7 More women police officers
- 8 More police who understand the needs of the local community
- 9 Unable to choose
- 10 None of these

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6 Reporting a Crime & Contact with the Police

q32a1 If you had information about an ordinary crime, a nuisance, or disturbance, which one of the things on this card would you be most likely to do?

- 1 Would not report crime
- 2 Visit the police station
- 3 Talk to police elsewhere
- 4 999 telephone call
- 5 Confidential telephone call
- 6 Ordinary telephone call
- 7 Written communication
- 8 No preference

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q32a If you wanted to report an ordinary crime, a nuisance or disturbance affecting you or someone else in your household, which method of contacting the police would you most prefer to use?

- 1 Would not report crime
- 2 Visit the police station
- 3 Talk to police elsewhere
- 4 999 telephone call
- 5 Confidential telephone call
- 6 Ordinary telephone call
- 7 Written communication
- 8 No preference

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q32b1-b7 Why would you use this method?

- 1 Quickest method
- 2 Easiest method
- 3 Most convenient
- 4 Safest method
- 5 It's in confidence
- 6 Prefer personal contact
- 7 Other

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q33a Have you made contact with the police during the past 12 months?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q33a11-14

Why did you make contact with the police during the last 12 months?

- 1 To report a crime or some other incident
- 2 To produce documents or to make a statement
- 3 To ask for help or advice
- 4 Through work/professional contact
- 5 Other

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q33b

Please give details of the other reason

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q341-8

On the last occasion that you contacted the police, which of the types of contact shown on this card did you have with them?

- 1 Visited police station
- 2 Talked to police at home
- 3 Talked to police elsewhere
- 4 999 telephone call
- 5 Ordinary telephone call
- 6 Confidential telephone call
- 7 Written communication
- 8 Other

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q35a

Overall, were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the police handled this matter?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 Fairly dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q35b

Why were you dissatisfied?

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q36 In general, did this contact with the police make you feel more or less favourable toward the police, or did it make no difference to your view of them?

- 1 More favourable
- 2 Less favourable
- 3 No difference

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q37a (Apart from routine security checkpoints), during the past twelve months, have the police approached or contacted you at all for any of the reasons given on this card?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q37a11-13 For which reason, or reasons, were you contacted or approached by the police?

- 1 For questioning as a suspect about an offence or possible offence
- 2 For questioning as a witness to an offence or possible offence
- 3 For some other reason

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q37b Please give details of the other reason.

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q37d Where were you contacted or approached by the police on the last occasion?

- 1 Stopped while in a car or van or on a motorcycle
- 2 Stopped while on foot
- 3 Contacted at home or elsewhere

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q38a Overall, were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the police handled this matter?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 Fairly dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q38b

Why were you dissatisfied?

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q39

Did this contact with the police make you more or less favourable towards the police, or did it make no difference to your view of them?

- 1 More favourable
- 2 Less favourable
- 3 No difference

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7 Perceptions of the Police & Composition of the Police Force

q42a (Excluding terrorism or sectarian crime), please tell me how polite the police in your area are when dealing with ordinary policing problems.

- 1 Very polite
- 2 Quite polite
- 3 Neither polite nor impolite
- 4 Not very polite
- 5 Not at all polite

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q42b (Excluding terrorism or sectarian crime), please tell me how helpful the police in your area are when dealing with ORDINARY policing problems.

- 1 Very helpful
- 2 Quite helpful
- 3 Neither helpful nor unhelpful
- 4 Not very helpful
- 5 Not at all helpful

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q43a Still thinking about ordinary policing problems in your area, would you say that the police deal fairly with everyone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q43b11-18 Which, if any, of the groups on this card would you say the police treat unfairly when dealing with ORDINARY policing problems?

- 1 Young men (under 25)
- 2 Young women (under 25)
- 3 Protestants
- 4 Catholics
- 5 Working class people
- 6 Middle or upper class people
- 7 People who want to be part of a united Ireland
- 8 People who want to stay part of a United Kingdom
- 9 None of these

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q43b21-28 Which, if any, of the groups on this card would you say the police treat favourably when dealing with ORDINARY policing problems?

- 1 Young men (under 25)
- 2 Young women (under 25)
- 3 Protestants
- 4 Catholics
- 5 Working class people
- 6 Middle or upper class people
- 7 People who want to be part of a united Ireland
- 8 People who want to stay part of a United Kingdom
- 9 None of these

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q46a Do you think that the police force in Northern Ireland has too few Catholics in it, too many or is the number about right?

- 1 Too few
- 2 Too many
- 3 About right

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q46b1-7 What difference do you think it would make if there were more Catholics in the police force?

- 1 Improve Catholic support for the police and the work they do
- 2 Police would be more readily accepted/trusted by Catholics
- 3 Police would be more readily accepted/trusted by everyone
- 4 Improve community relations/understanding
- 5 Create a more balanced/less biased police force
- 6 Improve police understanding/treatment of Catholics
- 7 Catholic police could police catholic areas
- 8 No difference
- 9 Other

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q46c What difference do you think it would make if there were fewer Catholics in the police?

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q47 Does the police force in Northern Ireland try harder to recruit Protestants or to recruit Catholics or does it try equally hard to recruit both?

- 1 Tries harder to recruit Protestants
- 2 Tries harder to recruit Catholics
- 3 Tries equally hard to recruit both Protestants and Catholics

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q48a01-12

Which, if any, of the reasons given on this card do you think might deter Catholics from joining the police force in Northern Ireland?

- 1 Other Catholics put pressure on them not to join
- 2 They feel they would be treated badly in the police
- 3 They try to join but are not chosen because of their religion
- 4 They try to join but are not chosen because of their political beliefs
- 5 They fear intimidation or attack on them or their relatives if they join
- 6 They do not join because they do not support the system of government in the Province
- 7 They fear that if they join they will not be able to maintain contact with family and friends in their area
- 8 They don't join because they do not support the police
- 9 The name
- 10 Symbols, such as the badge or other insignia
- 11 Other reason
- 12 None of these

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q48b

Please give details of the other reasons

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

q48c

And of those you have selected, which do you think is the most important reason?

- 1 Other Catholics put pressure on them not to join
- 2 They feel they would be treated badly in the police
- 3 They try to join but are not chosen because of their religion
- 4 They try to join but are not chosen because of their political beliefs
- 5 They fear intimidation or attack on them or their relatives if they join
- 6 They do not join because they do not support the system of government in the Province
- 7 They fear that if they join they will not be able to maintain contact with family and friends in their area
- 8 Other reason
- 9 Unable to choose

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8 Complaints Against the Police / Police Ombudsman / Northern Ireland Policing Board

Q49 Taking everything into account, do you think that the police in this area do a good job or a poor job ?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Neither good nor poor
- 4 Fairly poor
- 5 Very poor

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Q50 If you wanted to make a complaint about the way in which a police officer in your area behaved towards you or towards someone you know, who would you first think of contacting?

- 1 Local police station or officer
- 2 Police Headquarters or Chief Constable
- 3 Northern Ireland Policing Board (formerly Police Authority for Northern Ireland)
- 4 Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC)
- 5 (Local) Community & Police Liaison Committee
- 6 Member of Parliament
- 7 District or Local Councillor
- 8 District or Local Council Officer
- 9 Press or Media
- 10 Police Ombudsman
- 11 Secretary of State for NI
- 12 Community and Police liaison committee
- 13 NI Assembly Member
- 14 Other
- 15 Wouldn't contact anyone

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Q50A Please specify.

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q51A And who do you think is mainly responsible for looking into complaints against the police?

- 1 The Home Office
- 2 The Northern Ireland Office
- 3 Northern Ireland Policing Board (formerly Police Authority for Northern Ireland)
- 4 Chief Constable of the police
- 5 Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC)
- 6 (Local) Community & Police Liaison Committee
- 7 The Regular/British Army
- 8 The Courts/Judiciary
- 9 District or Local Council
- 10 Completely independent body outside the police
- 11 Police Ombudsman
- 12 Secretary of State for NI
- 13 NI Assembly Member
- 14 Community and Police liaison committee
- 15 Other
- 16 No one in particular

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Q51A1 Please specify.

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q51B Who do you think should be responsible for looking into such complaints ?

- 1 The Home Office
- 2 The Northern Ireland Office
- 3 Northern Ireland Policing Board (formerly Police Authority for Northern Ireland)
- 4 Chief Constable of the police
- 5 Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC)
- 6 (Local) Community & Police Liaison Committee
- 7 The Regular/British Army
- 8 The Courts/Judiciary
- 9 District or Local Council
- 10 Completely independent body outside the police
- 11 Police Ombudsman
- 12 Secretary of State for NI
- 13 NI Assembly Member
- 14 Community and Police liaison committee
- 15 Other
- 16 No one in particular

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Q51B1 Please specify.

Open-ended answer

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q52A If you wanted to see a general change in the way the police do their job in your area who would you first think of contacting?

- 1 Local police station or officer
- 2 Police Headquarters or Chief Constable
- 3 Northern Ireland Policing Board (formerly Police Authority for Northern Ireland)
- 4 Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC)
- 5 (Local) Community & Police Liaison Committee
- 6 Member of Parliament
- 7 District or Local Councillor
- 8 District or Local Council Officer
- 9 Press or Media
- 10 Police Ombudsman
- 11 Secretary of State for NI
- 12 Community and Police liaison committee
- 13 NI Assembly Member
- 14 Other
- 15 Wouldn't contact anyone

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Q52A1 Please specify.

Open-ended answer

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Q52B1 Would you think of contacting anyone else ?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q52B2

Who else would you think of contacting?

- 1 Local police station or officer
- 2 Police Headquarters or Chief Constable
- 3 Northern Ireland Policing Board (formerly Police Authority for Northern Ireland)
- 4 Independent Commission for Police Complaints (ICPC)
- 5 (Local) Community & Police Liaison Committee
- 6 Member of Parliament
- 7 District or Local Councillor
- 8 District or Local Council Officer
- 9 Police Ombudsman
- 10 Press or Media
- 11 Other

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Q53A

Have you ever heard of the Northern Ireland Policing Board (previously the Police Authority for Northern Ireland)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q53B

Do you think that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (previously the Police Authority for Northern Ireland) is part of the police or independent of the police?

- 1 Part of the police
- 2 Independent of the police

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Q54

In general, do you think that the police in this area understand the kinds of problems that people have around here?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Varies

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Q55A

Do you think it is important for local people to have a say in the way in which they are policed, or do you think decisions about policing are best made just by the police themselves?

- 1 Local people should have a say
- 2 Decisions best made just by the police

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Q56A Do you think it is important that the police be prepared to explain their actions or do you think that the police should be trusted to have acted in the best interests of the community?

- 1 Explain their actions
- 2 Trusted to have acted in the best interests
- 3 Depends on event

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Q56B Do you think it is enough that the police should provide explanations of their actions only to individual people who make a complaint, or do you think more public explanations are called for?

- 1 Individual explanations
- 2 More public explanations
- 3 Depends on event/circumstances

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Q56C Do you think this should be done through representatives of the local community - eg groups who meet regularly with the police - or should the police provide explanations to everyone, eg through the press or on television?

- 1 Representatives
- 2 Everyone
- 3 Depends on event/circumstances

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Q57 In some areas, groups of local people meet regularly with the police to discuss matters to do with policing the community. How much notice do you think the police take of what such a group has to say?

- 1 A lot of notice
- 2 Some notice
- 3 Not much notice
- 4 No notice at all

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Q58 If you had the opportunity, would you be interested in joining a local group meeting regularly with the police to discuss policing in your area?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q59 Have you heard of the Lay Visiting Scheme?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q60A Do you think such a scheme is a good idea or not?

- 1 A good idea
- 2 Not a good idea

more than one response can be given results for this question published

Q60B Why do you say that?

Open-ended answer

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9 Treatment of the Public by the Security Forces / Effectiveness against Terrorism / Community Relations

Q74a1-9 Which, if any, of the groups listed on this card should be active in trying to improve relations between the two communities in Northern Ireland?

- 1 British Government
- 2 Government of the Irish Republic
- 3 Unionist politicians
- 4 Nationalist politicians
- 5 Trade unions
- 6 Churchmen
- 7 Police
- 8 People in Northern Ireland
- 9 None of these
- 10 All of the above
- 11 (Not applicable in the current situation)

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Q74h Are there any others who you think should be active in trying to improve relations between the communities in Northern Ireland?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q74h1 Please specify. Any others?

Open-ended answer

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11 The Courts and the Criminal Justice System

Q83a In the past twelve months have you had any contact with the courts, either in person or through correspondence?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q83b1-7 For which of the reasons on the card were you in contact with the courts?

- 1 As a jury member
- 2 As a member of the legal profession
- 3 As a witness in a case being tried in court
- 4 As a defendant/someone being prosecuted through the courts over a criminal case
- 5 As a respondent/someone taken to court in a non-criminal case
- 6 As a plaintiff/someone who takes a non-criminal case to court
- 7 Through work/professional contact
- 8 Other

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Q83c Please specify.

Open-ended answer

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Q84 If you had a serious dispute with someone over something covered by the law how likely is it that you would consider resolving the problem through the courts?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Fairly likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 5 Depends on circumstances

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Q84b1-5 Why would you be unlikely to try resolving the problem through the courts?

- 1 Cost
- 2 Wouldn't know how to go about it/too complicated
- 3 Takes too long
- 4 Prefer to sort it out myself/with family/with friends
- 5 Other

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Q84C

Specify Other Reason

Open-ended answer

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Q85

How well do you feel you understand the way in which the courts work?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Quite well
- 3 Not very well
- 4 Not at all well

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Q86

How important do you feel it is that people understand the way in which the courts work?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Quite important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important

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Q87A

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Court cases may sometimes find people guilty of crimes they did not commit.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 (Depends on crime - Q93 only) / Depends on circumstances (Q97A,Q97B)

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Q87A1

How often do you think this happens?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Hardly ever

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Q88A Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In court cases guilty people may sometimes be found innocent.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 (Depends on crime - Q93 only) / Depends on circumstances (Q97A,Q97B)

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Q88A1 How often do you think this happens?

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Q62d Taking your answer from this card please, tell me how the courts treat Catholic and Protestants accused of committing non-terrorist offences?

- 1 Catholics treated much better
- 2 Catholics treated a bit better
- 3 Both treated equally
- 4 Protestants treated a bit better
- 5 Protestants treated much better

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Q62e Please tell me how the courts treat Catholics and Protestants accused of committing terrorist offences?

- 1 Catholics treated much better
- 2 Catholics treated a bit better
- 3 Both treated equally
- 4 Protestants treated a bit better
- 5 Protestants treated much better

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Q89 The criminal justice system includes the police, lawyers, juries, judges and magistrates. How confident do you feel about the fairness of the criminal justice system?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Fairly confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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Q89a Thinking firstly about the police, how confident do you feel about the contribution they make to the fairness of this system?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Fairly confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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Q89B ...and what about lawyers? (How confident do you feel about the contribution they make to the fairness of the criminal justice system?)

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Fairly confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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Q89d ...and what about juries? (How confident do you feel about the contribution they make to the fairness of the criminal justice system?)

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Fairly confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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Q89e And finally judges and magistrates, how confident do you feel about the contribution they make to the fairness of the system?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Fairly confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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Q90a At present, some people can claim financial assistance from the State for legal fees. This is known as Legal Aid. Have you ever heard of it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q90b Do you feel that you would know how to set about getting Legal Aid if you needed it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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Q91 What is your view about the availability of Legal Aid.

- 1 Too generous
- 2 Too restricted
- 3 About right

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Q92a (Q92 in 92/9) In general, would you say that penalties handed out by the courts for non-sectarian crimes should be stiffer than a present or less stiff, or are they about right?

- 1 Stiffer
- 2 About right
- 3 Less stiff
- 4 (Depends on the crime)

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Q92b In general, would you say that penalties handed out by the courts for sectarian or terrorist crimes should be stiffer than at present or less stiff, or are they about right?

- 1 Stiffer
- 2 About right
- 3 Less stiff
- 4 (Depends on the crime)

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Q93 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People currently sent to prison for crimes of a less serious nature should be punished in other ways instead.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 (Depends on crime - Q93 only) / Depends on circumstances (Q97A,Q97B)

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Q95 Some offences are punishable by fine. Do you think that the amount of the fine should be the same for everyone regardless of their income, or do you think that the amount should depend on what people are able to pay?

- 1 Same for everyone
- 2 Should depend on ability to pay
- 3 (Depends on the crime)

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Q96a (Q96 in 92/9) If someone is sentenced to life imprisonment for a terrorist crime, about how long do you think they should spend in prison?

- 1 Less than ten years
- 2 Ten to twenty years
- 3 Twenty one to fifty years
- 4 More than fifty years
- 5 The rest of their lives
- 6 Until there is no risk of them reoffending
- 7 (Depends on crime)

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Q96b If someone is sentenced to life imprisonment for a non-terrorist crime, about how long do you think they should spend in prison?

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- 4 More than fifty years
- 5 The rest of their lives
- 6 Until there is no risk of them reoffending
- 7 (Depends on crime)

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q97a Do you agree or disagree with the following statement. Long-term prisoners nearing the end of their sentence should be given occasional home leave.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 (Depends on crime - Q93 only) / Depends on circumstances (Q97A,Q97B)

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Q97B Do you agree or disagree with the following statement. Encouraging contact between prisoners and their families during imprisonment will help in their rehabilitation.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 (Depends on crime - Q93 only) / Depends on circumstances (Q97A,Q97B)

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