

Pandemic Policing 2021

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Participant Information Sheet

Invitation Letter

Study Title: Pandemic Policing – public perceptions in Hampshire

REC Ref No: FHSS 2020-040

Dear Potential Participant,

We invite you to participate in a research study considering public attitudes and policing in **Hampshire** during the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular attitudes towards the current restrictions. My name is Dr Rob Inkpen, Co-Investigator on this research project which is being run by Dr Sarah Charman as Principal Investigator.

The survey will take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please note, you are under no obligation to take part in this survey. Answering the survey questions will indicate that you are taking part voluntarily and that you give your consent to the information being used. No identifiable information about you will be disclosed to any third party. Once you have submitted the survey your responses are saved and, as all responses are anonymised, your specific responses cannot be withdrawn at a later date. You can, however, leave the survey at any point and your responses will not be saved.

Should you wish to have any further details about the project before this, please contact me at robert.inkpen@port.ac.uk or the Principal Investigator for research sarah.charman@port.ac.uk,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

RJ Inkpen

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Introduction to the Survey and Consent

Many thanks for considering participating in this research.

This project is being undertaken by the **University of Portsmouth** and is being funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The research project aims to:

1. identify and analyse the public attitudes towards the policing of COVID-19 restrictions;
2. explore and analyse the influence that differences in underlying public attitudes have in shaping the responses to the policing of COVID-19 restrictions.

In order to take part in this survey, **you must agree** to all of the following statements below. If you feel you cannot agree, you will not be taken forward to the survey questions.

1. Please fill in the form below to progress to the survey. * *Required*

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

Please select at least 6 answer(s).

	Agree
I have read the participant information letter from the link above about the research and understand its content.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree that my data may be used in future comparable ethically approved research .	<input type="checkbox"/>
I accept that the anonymised data I have provided, as part of a wider sample and report may be published in a journal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I accept that I may be quoted verbatim but anonymously to demonstrate example responses or perceptions in the findings or another section of the research paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to take part in the above study.



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Please remember that if there is any question that you would prefer not to answer then you can skip it. Also you may leave the survey at any point before you submit and your responses will not be recorded or saved.

2. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to say

2.a. If you have selected 'self-describe' then please do so here

3. What is your age?

4. How would you describe your ethnicity?

4.a. You selected 'Any other Asian/Black/African/Caribbean/Mixed and multiple ethnicity/White ethnic group' Please could you specify your ethnicity:

5. What is the start of your postcode (i.e. first 3 or 4 letters/numbers)?

6. Which of these policing districts do you live in?

7. Do you work from home?

8. Please indicate which of the statements below, if any, refer to you and your responsibilities or roles during the current lockdown.

- Key worker
- Care giver: Children
- Care giver: Adult
- Care giver: Elderly
- Homeschooler
- Community volunteer

9. How many people are usually in your household, including yourself?

10. Which of the qualifications below is your **highest** educational attainment?

- O levels/CSEs/GCSEs or equivalent
- NVQ Level 1 or equivalent
- NVQ Level 2 or equivalent
- Apprenticeship
- A levels or equivalent
- NVQ 3 or equivalent
- Degree
- Masters
- Doctorate
- Postgraduate qualification or Masters
- Other

10.a. What other educational attainments do you have?

11. How would you describe your employment?

12. To the nearest thousand, how much would you estimate your annual household gross income to be?

- Up to £20,000
- Between £21,000 and £40,000
- Between £41,000 and £60,000
- Between £61,000 and £80,000
- Between £81,000 and £100,000
- Over £100,000
- Prefer not to say

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Please remember that if there is any question that you would prefer not to answer then you can skip it. Also you may leave the survey at any point before you submit and your responses will not be recorded or saved.

13. How would you rate your overall health?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Very Poor	Poor	OK	Good	Excellent
Your health	<input type="checkbox"/>				

14. Have you had a positive test for Covid-19?

- Yes
- No
- May have had Covid but not tested
- Rather not say

15. At this point in the Covid-19 crisis how anxious are you about the following:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not anxious at all	Slightly anxious	Anxious	Very anxious
Of catching Covid-19 yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Of someone in your family catching Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Of someone else you know (e.g. student, work colleague) catching Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Of a friend catching Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. How concerned are you about the health threat posed by variants of the Covid-19 virus?

- Not very concerned
- Not concerned
- Neither concerned nor unconcerned
- Concerned
- Very concerned
- Don't know

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Please remember that if there is any question that you would prefer not to answer then you can skip it. Also you may leave the survey at any point before you submit and your responses will not be recorded or saved.

17. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
In general, the local police did a good job during the crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local police communicated well with communities during the crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have felt safe in my community during the crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel that the reputation of the local police improved during the crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At a national level, the police gave clear guidance on how to implement the lockdown regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I feel confident that the local police will be able to deal with any further lockdown in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I feel confident that in Hampshire and Isle of Wight all agencies (including NHS, emergency services, local authorities etc.) are doing all they can do deal with the issues stemming from COVID19	<input type="checkbox"/>				

18. Within your local area how far do you disagree or agree that there has been a problem with compliance with the following regulations:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling on unnecessary trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. How has your frequency of contact with the police changed since the start of the pandemic?

- Decreased a lot
- Decreased a little
- Stayed the same
- Increased a little
- Increased a lot
- Not applicable

20. During the crisis have you had contact with the police, and if so, with respect to which action (please check any that are appropriate)?

- No contact with the police
- Social distancing
- Travelling unnecessarily
- Social gathering
- Not applicable
- Other

20.a. You selected 'Other', please specify:

21. With respect to the last question was the outcome of your contact with the police satisfactory from your viewpoint?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

21.a. Why was the outcome not satisfactory?

21.b. Why was the outcome satisfactory?

22. To what extent do you trust the local police to be fair and transparent in their enforcement of laws and regulations associated with Covid-19 restrictions?

- Not at all
- A little
- Mostly
- Completely

23. How has your trust in the police changed during the pandemic?

- Decreased a lot
- Decreased
- Stayed the same
- Increased a little
- Increased a lot
- Not applicable

24. From your experience of the lockdowns are there any comments that you want to make about the local policing of the current lockdown or in comparison to the first lockdown?

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Please remember that if there is any question that you would prefer not to answer then you can skip it. Also you may leave the survey at any point before you submit and your responses will not be recorded or saved.

25. Please indicate how well you feel that you complied with the following lockdown restrictions in the first lockdown?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not well at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not making unnecessary shopping trips	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not undertaking unnecessary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Restricting travel to your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Staying indoors when advised to	<input type="checkbox"/>				

26. Outside of your family and friends, please indicate how well you believe others complied with the following lockdown restrictions in the first lockdown?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not well at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Not making unnecessary shopping trips	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not undertaking unnecessary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Restricting travel to your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Staying indoors when advised to	<input type="checkbox"/>				

27. Please indicate how well you feel that you complied with the following lockdown restrictions in the third, the current lockdown?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not well at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not making unnecessary shopping trips	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not undertaking unnecessary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Restricting travel to your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Staying indoors when advised to	<input type="checkbox"/>				

28. Outside of your family and friends, please indicate how well you believe others complied with the following lockdown restrictions in the third, the current lockdown?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not well at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not making unnecessary shopping trips	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not undertaking unnecessary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Restricting travel to your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Staying indoors when advised to	<input type="checkbox"/>				

29. Please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree that the individuals and groups below have the ability to exercise good judgement and so abide by the lockdown restrictions.

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People in your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

People in the UK in general	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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30. Please indicate whether you feel that compliance with lockdown restrictions has changed for the groups below since the first lockdown.

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	A great deal less compliant	Less compliant	About the same level of compliance	More compliant	A lot more compliant
You	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People in your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People in the UK as a whole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Page 7: Attitudes

The next set of questions is designed to assess your general attitudes towards social and economic issues. These may seem out of place in a survey about policing, but they are designed to try to extract information on the general worldview of an individual. This will enable us to assess if worldviews are related to views about lockdown restrictions and the policing of the pandemic.

Please remember that if there is any question that you would prefer not to answer then you can skip it. Also you may leave the survey at any point before you submit and your responses will not be recorded or saved.

31. Please indicate the strength of your agreement or disagreement with the statements below:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Community spirit is vital in helping vulnerable people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear regulations for the crisis from government are essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual freedoms should be curtailed to help defeat the virus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific advice about combatting the virus should be adhered to rigidly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The impact of the virus highlights the fragility of our social structures	<input type="checkbox"/>				
As an individual there is nothing I can do to prevent the impacts of the virus	<input type="checkbox"/>				

32. Please indicate the strength of your agree or disagree with the statements below:

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Economic growth, no matter the environmental cost, is needed for recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Careful planning and technological developments can overcome impacts on the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The push for equality of rights has gone too far	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treating everyone fairly will improve society after the virus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statements below

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Governments should ensure a fair redistribution of income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government should ensure that market forces drive the economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People on welfare do not receive enough	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The NHS should receive more funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation should be higher for those on higher income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government should invest more in basic services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas aid is a waste of money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34. Please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the statements below. **I see myself as some who**

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Agree strongly
... is reserved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... is generally trusting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.... tends to be lazy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... is relaxed, handles stress well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... has few artistic interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... is outgoing, sociable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... tends to find fault with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... does a thorough job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... gets nervous easily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... has an active imagination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Thank you very much indeed for participating in this survey. Should you wish to follow the results of this research project, please look at @Covid19Policing on Twitter or via the [College of Policing Research Map](#). If you would like further information about this research then please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr Sarah Charman (sarah.charman@port.ac.uk).

If you are struggling to cope with the Covid-19 crisis then the links to the organisations below might be useful in providing advice:

Bereavement advice and support: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/social-distancing/bereavement-advice-and-support/>

Police advice on Covid-19: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/c19/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Key for selection options

3 - What is your age?

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

Over 75

I prefer not to say

4 - How would you describe your ethnicity?

White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

White - Irish

White - Gypsy

White - Irish Traveller

Asian/Asian British - Indian

Asian/Asian British - Pakistani

Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
Asian/Asian British - Chinese
Any other Asian background
Black/African/Caribbean British - African
Black/African/Caribbean British - Caribbean
Mixed and multiple ethnicity - White and Black Caribbean
Mixed and multiple ethnicity - White and Black African
Mixed and multiple ethnicity - White and Asian
Other ethnic group - Arab
Any other Asian/Black/African/Caribbean/Mixed and multiple ethnicity/White ethnic groups
I Prefer not to say

6 - Which of these policing districts do you live in?

Basingstoke
East Hampshire and Havant
Eastleigh and Hedge End
Fareham and Gosport
Hart and Rushmoor
Isle of Wight
Portsmouth
Southampton
Test Valley
Winchester
New Forest
Not sure

7 - Do you work from home?

Yes and I can continue to do so
Yes but I expect to return to work in the next month or so
Yes but I have been furloughed
I cannot work from home
Not applicable
I prefer not to say

9 - How many people are usually in your household, including yourself?

1
2
3-4

5-6

7-9

10 or more

11 - How would you describe your employment?

Paid full-time employment

Paid part-time employment

Self-employed

Home maker

Care giver

Volunteer

Unable to work

Unemployed

Retired
