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Pandemic Policing

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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 current COVID-19 pandemic. My name is Dr Rob Inkpen, Co-Investigator on this research project which is being run by Dr Sarah Charman as Principal Investigator. I have been a researcher at the University of Portsmouth for over 25 years. Details of my research can be found at [HERE](#). 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submitted the survey your responses are saved and, as all responses are anonymised, your specific responses cannot be withdrawn at a later date.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 survey should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

The research project aims to:

1. identify and analyse the public attitudes towards the policing of COVID-19 restrictions and the potential responses to future 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Page 3: Information About You

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.

Please remember that you do not have to answer any question that you do not feel comfortable answering

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? (Please note a clerical error means the New Forest was not included - apologies for this and please check 'Not sure' for this question and then when you have the opportunity to make comments about the policing of the pandemic please add that you are in the New Forest)

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 recent 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

Page 4: Health and Well-being

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. At the start of the Covid-19 restrictions how anxious were 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 a friend 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"/>

15. Have you had the test for Covid-19 (not the antibody test)?

- Yes
- No
- Rather not say

15.a. If you have had a Covid-19 test then what was the result of that test?

- Positive Negative Prefer not to say

16. 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"/>

17. How has your alcohol consumption changed during the lockdown?

- Decreased a lot
 Decreased a little
 Stayed the same
 Increased a little
 Increased a lot
 I don't drink alcohol
 Not applicable

17.a. What do you estimate your weekly alcohol consumption during lockdown was? (A unit is about half a pint (3.8% ABV), half a pint of stronger beer (5.7% ABV) is about 1.5 units, small glass of wine is about 1.5 units, large glass of wine about 3 units and a single shot of spirit is 1 unit)



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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.

18. 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>				
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19. 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"/>

20. How has your frequency of contact with the police changed since the start of the crisis?

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

21. 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

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

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

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

22.a. Why was the outcome not satisfactory?

22.b. Why was the outcome satisfactory?

23. 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

24. How has your trust in the police changed during lockdown?

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

25. From your experience of the lockdown are there any comments that you want to make about the local policing of the restrictions?

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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.

26. Please indicate how well you feel that you have complied with the following lockdown restrictions?

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

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. Please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree that you would find it easy to comply with the following restrictions if a complete lockdown were imposed again.

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 to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling for leisure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staying inside at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 in any new lockdown.

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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. Please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree that you have complied well with the following lockdown restrictions.

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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Social distancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not making unnecessary shopping trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not undertaking unnecessary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restricting travel to your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not attending social gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staying indoors when advised to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is safe to go to public places such as beaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lockdown has been eased too slowly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bars and restaurants could have been opened up earlier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The previous lockdown restrictions were an overreaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will wear a facemask whilst shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will wear a facemask whilst out in public areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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.

32. 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"/>				

33. 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"/>

34. 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"/>

35. Compared to your pre-lockdown life, which, if any of the following do you think you will do more often (please indicate all that are appropriate)?

- Cycling to work
- Cycling for pleasure
- Recycling
- Use less energy
- Use less water
- Take public transport more
- Educate my children about environmental issues more
- Lead a more environmentally friendly lifestyle

Engage more with my local community

36. In the next few months, we would like to conduct some one-to-one interviews with a sample of people from around Hampshire to understand a little more about your experiences of policing during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be online or face-to-face and will be at your convenience. Your identity will be kept confidential and only be known to the University of Portsmouth research team. Would you be willing to take part in these interviews?

Yes

No

36.a. Thank you for offering to take part in the one-to-one interviews. Please leave your e-mail address below and the research team maybe in touch. (Any information you provide will be stored securely in accordance with the University of Portsmouth data retention policies (available [here](#) and [here](#)))

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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? (Please note a clerical error means the New Forest was not included - apologises for this and please check 'Not sure' for this question and then when you have the opportunity to make comments about the policing of the pandemic please add that you are in the New Forest)

Basingstoke
East Hampshire and Havant
Eastleigh and Hedge End
Fareham and Gosport
Hart and Rushmoor
Isle of Wight
Portsmouth
Southampton
Test Valley
Winchester
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

17.a - What do you estimate your weekly alcohol consumption during lockdown was? (A unit is about half a pint (3.8% ABV), half a pint of stronger beer (5.7% ABV) is about 1.5 units, small glass of wine is about 1.5 units, large glass of wine about 3 units and a single shot of spirit is 1 unit)

- 0 units
 - 1-5 units
 - 5-10 units
 - 10-15 units
 - 15-20 units
 - More than 21 units
 - I do not drink alcohol
-