

Police and Crime Commissioners: Who's running?

This table summarises what we know so far about who is running, or considering running, in the first elections for Police and Crime Commissioners on 15 November 2012. If you know of any other contenders please email us at info@police-foundation.org.uk or tweet us at [@the_police_fdn](https://twitter.com/the_police_fdn)

Force	Current Chief Constable	Population	Area Size (km2)	Number of Officers (FTE)	PCC Candidate	Party	Comments	Confirmed?	Source
Avon and Somerset	Colin Port	1,605,623	4,777	3,210					
Bedfordshire	Alfred Hitchcock	605,253	1,246	1,214					
Cambridgeshire	Simon Parr	778,186	3,389	1,398	Matthew Lee	Conservative	'has previously said he would consider standing for the role'		Mentioned 07/02/12
Cheshire	David Whatton	1,005,684	2,155	2,079	Baroness Helen Newlove		'Among the candidates being floated is Baroness Helen Newlove'		Mentioned 25/01/12
Cleveland	Jacqui Cheer	559,984	597	1,655	Ray Mallon	Independent	'50-50'		Mentioned 11/01/12
					Stuart Drummond	Independent	'We will see what happens'		Mentioned 19/12/11
					Barry Coppinger	Labour	'confirmed to me [Michael Crick] that that he's thinking of running'		Mentioned 25/01/12
Cumbria	Stuart Hyde	495,043	6,762	1,180					
Derbyshire	Mick Creedon	1,004,369	2,625	2,021	Phil Hickson	Conservative	'I'm thinking about it'		Quoted 19/12/11
					Steve Spear	Labour	'I will have to explore how the role is going to work but I am considering applying'		Quoted 26/01/12

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Devon and Cornwall	Stephen Otter	1,671,361	10,270	3,436	Lance Kennedy	Conservative	'Asked to be considered as a Conservative candidate'	Yes	Mentioned 14/09/11
Dorset	Martin Baker	710,202	2,659	1,452	Nick King	Conservative	'I think it's fantastic that for the first time there will be direct democratic involvement in the way the police are run'		Quoted 05/02/12
					Angus Campbell	Conservative	'I just feel that it would be a fascinating challenge'		Quoted 05/02/12
					Janet Dover	Liberal Democrat	'I would have to give it serious consideration,'... 'But at this moment in time I have not been asked and I may not ever be.'		Quoted 05/02/12
					Jane Stichbury	Independent	'could stand as an independent candidate'		Mentioned 05/02/12
Durham	Jon Stoddart	606,875	2,676	1,431	Bill Dixon	Labour	'Policing needs to be about more than just a focus on the criminal – much more needs to be done to help and support the victims of crime'	Yes	Quoted 17/02/12
					Ron Hogg	Labour	'is interested in running'		Mentioned 11/01/12
					Peter Thompson	Labour	Is 'another name mentioned' in this area		Mentioned 11/01/12

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Dyfed-Powys	Ian Arundale	506,328	10,976	1,157	Nick Bourne	Conservative	Would 'consider very seriously'		Quoted 10/01/12
					John Davies	Conservative	Mentioned as a possible candidate		Mentioned 10/02/12
					Rod Richards		'Less than 50% probable he will run'		Mentioned 20/02/12
					Helen Mary Jones		Is one of the 'names mentioned' in the area		Mentioned 20/02/12
Essex	Jim Barker-McCardle	1,720,375	3,670	3,577	Mick Thwaites @MickT870	Independent	Has said: 'The role is too important to give to a politician'	Yes	Campaign Website
					Robert Chambers	Conservative	'I have decided to stand down from Essex Police Authority...because I am considering [applying]...for Police and Crime Commissioner'		Quoted
					Jordan Newell	Labour	'has thrown his hat into the ring to become Labour's candidate'	Yes	Mentioned 14/02/12

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Gloucestershire	Tony Melville	589,132	3,150	1,262	Martin Surl	Independent	'I am proud of my Gloucestershire roots and it would be an enormous privilege to be elected its first commissioner'	Yes	Quoted 18/02/12 Campaign Website
					Tim Brain	Independent	'candidates include former Gloucestershire chief constable'		Mentioned 11/12/11
					Mark Hawthorne	Conservative	'I don't think it would be right to make a decision...until my party has finalised its selection process locally'		Quoted 21/02/12
					Rob Garnham		'is being tipped as another contender'		Quoted 21/02/12

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Greater Manchester	Peter Fahy	2,600,900	1,276	7,791	Afzal Khan	Labour	'is reported to be considering the job, but has mixed feelings'		Mentioned 11/01/12
					Robin Garrido	Conservative	'In Tory circles...Robin Garrido is emerging as a credible choice'		Mentioned 11/11/11
					Lorna Fitzsimons	Labour	'Lorna Fitzsimons tells me [Michael Crick] she's "definitely not" running'		Mentioned 20/02/12
					Helen Foster-Grime	Liberal Democrat	'confirmed an interest'		Mentioned 11/11/11
					Paul Murphy	Labour	political sources say... [he] would 'consider it his duty' to stand' if nobody else from Labour does		Mentioned 11/11/11
					Tony Lloyd	Labour	'The job will be to ensure that victims come first and we don't have policing for the community but policing by the community'	Yes	Quoted 14/02/12

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Gwent	Carmel Napier	560,409	7,555	1,501	Chris Wright		Says his knowledge of policing makes him a 'perfect candidate'	Yes	Quoted 10/02/12 Campaign Website
					Ron Davies	Independent	'seriously considering making a bid'		Mentioned 30/01/12
					Hamish Sandison	Labour	'I would relish the opportunity to apply what life has taught me to help build safer communities in Gwent'	Yes	Quoted 03/02/12
Hampshire	Alex Marshall	1,869,775	4,149	3,658	Sean Woodward	Conservative	'I'm very seriously thinking about it'		Quoted 21/01/12
					Jacqui Rayment	Labour	'I haven't decided yet'		Quoted 11/01/12
					Donna Jones	Conservative	'Candidates vying for the top job in Hampshire include...Cllr Donna Jones'		Mentioned 7/02/12
Hertfordshire	Andy Bliss	1,095,470	1,643	2,048					

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Humberside	Tim Hollis	917,637	3,517	1,952	Keith Hunter @Keithhunter50	Labour	'I can have...an impact and...influence as a police and crime commissioner'	Yes	Quoted 16/11/11
					Colin Inglis	Labour	'I will be putting my name forward for consideration'	Yes	Quoted 22/02/12
					John Prescott @johnprescott	Labour	'I have agreed to put my name forward to become the Labour candidate in November's election for Police and Crime Commissioner'	Yes	Quoted 10/02/12 Campaign Website
					Ian Cawsey	Labour	'I think I am offering something completely different to the other candidates'	Yes	Quoted 21/02/12
					Alene Branton	Labour	'Ian Cawsey will compete for the Labour nomination against ... former chairwoman of Humberside Police Authority Alene Branton'	Yes	Mentioned 21/02/12

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Kent	Ian Learmonth	1,665,855	3,736	3,668	Col Tim Collins	Conservative	'This is a job for someone energetic and who is willing to work with the chief constable'	Yes	Quoted 01/10/11 Article on his plans 27/01/12
					Fergus Wilson		'I think I can make a difference'	Yes	Quoted 11/02/12
					Fran Croucher	Independent	Former PC who says '[I] lack...confidence...in senior members of Kent Police [and therefore] would like to put my name forward as running'	Yes	Quoted 04/01/12
					Harriet Yeo	Labour	'is seeking Labour nomination for police commissioner for Kent'	Yes	Mentioned 11/02/12

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Lancashire	Steve Finnigan	1,445,701	3,075	3,448	Sam Chapman	Conservative	'I haven't applied, but it is something I'm seriously considering'		Quoted 03/01/12
					@TopOfTheCops Com				
					Kevin Horkin	Conservative	'I am the first to run for election as Lancashire's first Police and Crime Commissioner'	Yes	On Twitter 25/01/12
					@KevinHorkin				
					Tim Ashton	Conservative	Is amongst 'strong candidates rumoured to be interested'		Mentioned 03/01/12
Geoff Driver	Conservative	'mentioned as a candidate in some quarters' but had 'absolutely no comment'		Mentioned 09/01/12					
Ibrahim Master		'a member of Lancashire Police Authority who has put his name forward for the role of PCC in Lancashire'		Mentioned 13/02/12					

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Leicestershire	Simon Cole	987,784	2,538	2,211	Rick Moore		'declare[d] an interest'		Mentioned 23/11/11
					Nick Rushton	Conservative	'What I have to do is let my name go forward and see how I go on'	Yes	Quoted 23/11/11
					Sundip Meghani	Labour	'It's such a big and important job, I'm giving it the consideration it deserves'		Quoted 20/02/12
					Wayne Naylor	Labour	'The two city councillors ... are Sundip Meghani and Wayne Naylor'		Mentioned 20/02/12
					Jewel Miah	Labour	'I think it will come to a boil and there will be a lot of debate about this exciting role and policing issues'	Yes	Quoted 20/02/12
					Joe Orson	Conservative	'When the time comes I hope there will be lots of debate and discussion about the new role'	Yes	Quoted 20/02/12
					Rosita Page	Conservative	'Rosita Page [is to] enter the contest to become the official Conservative candidate'	Yes	Mentioned 20/02/12
					Air Chief Marshall Sir Clive Loader	Conservative	'The whole aim of this exercise is to reconnect the police with the people to make them more accountable. If it doesn't do that it will have failed'	Yes	Quoted 20/02/12

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Lincolnshire	Richard Crompton	697,925	5,921	1,202	Lee Rotherham	Conservative	Would 'support correct but not politically-correct policing'		Quoted 28/01/12
London, City of	N/A		2.6	878	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Merseyside	Jon Murphy	1,350,577	645	4,297	Jane Kennedy	Labour	Confirmed her interest: 'My vision is to maintain excellent policing, even at this time of reducing resources'	Yes	Quoted 26/01/12
					John Aston	Labour	'I am not saying that I am going to put my name in the hat, I am thinking about it at the moment'		Quoted 14/02/12
					Les Byrom	Labour	'I feel I have something to bring to the role'	Yes	Quoted 06/02/12
					Peter Kilfoyle	Labour	'has confirmed he is seeking the Labour nomination'	Yes	Mentioned 08/02/12
Metropolitan Police	Bernard Hogan-Howe	7,556,916	1,578	32,441	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Norfolk	Philip Gormley	853,368	5,371	1,598	Simon Woodbridge	Conservative	'it's a new role and I think I could really make a difference'	Yes	Quoted 10/05/11
					Stephen Bett	Conservative	'is interested in being the Tory candidate'	Yes	Mentioned 11/01/12
					Steve Morphew	Labour	'is going for the Labour nomination'	Yes	Mentioned 11/01/12

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Northamptonshire	Adrian Lee	683,791	2,364	1,306	Mike Caseman-Jones @CasemanJones	Labour	'it's official, my application for police and crime commissioner for Northants is now in'	Yes	Twitter Quote 10/02/12
Northumbria	Susan Sim	1,417,403	5,553	4,102	Mick Henry	Labour	It's 'still early days'		Quoted 6/01/12
					Vera Baird	Labour	Is said to be considering standing for PCC in Northumbria		Mentioned 13/02/12
					Henri Murison	Labour	'a potential rival'		Mentioned 19/12/11
					John Harrison	Labour	Is one of a number of 'names mentioned in connection to the post'		Mentioned 13/02/12
					Tom Foster	Labour	'I do intend to put my name forward for the position'		Quoted 13/02/12
North Yorkshire	Grahame Maxwell	796,454	8,310	1,458	Peter Walker @SuperSkills	Conservative	Confirmed his interest. Sees the election as an opportunity for the 'biggest public consultation about policing the country has ever seen'	Yes	Peter Walker Campaign Website
					GP Taylor	Independent	'I am currently undecided about how I feel about it.'		Quoted 30/01/12
					Carl Les	Conservative	'has confirmed he is considering a bid for the Tory nomination'		Quoted 30/01/12
					Mike Pannett	Independent	'I am torn as my books are doing so well, but I need to do what is right'		Quoted 31/01/12

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North Wales	Mark Polin	678,750	6,172	1,530	Elfyn Lloyd	Plaid Cymru	'still giving it consideration'		Mentioned 05/01/12
					Richard Hibbs	Independent	Confirmed his interest	Yes	Informed the Police Foundation
					Tal Michael @TalMichael	Labour	Wants to 'use my skills and experience to undertake the role'	Yes	Quoted 13/01/12
					Margaret Hanson	Labour	'thinking of going for Labour nomination'		Mentioned 19/1/12
Nottinghamshire	Julia Hodson	1,077,371	2,160	2,319	Paddy Tipping	Labour	'has confirmed his intention to stand'	Yes	Mentioned 01/12/11
					Chris Winterton	Labour	'I hope I've improved the quality of people's lives as a councillor and this is what I now want to do for the police service'	Yes	Quoted 21/12/11
					Mike Quigley	Conservative	'prepared to put my name forward'		Quoted 01/12/11
					Bruce Laughton	Conservative	Has 'expressed an interest to Conservative Party headquarters'	Yes	Mentioned 01/12/11
					Penny Griggs	Labour	'considering standing but this has not yet been confirmed'		Mentioned 01/12/11

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South Wales	Peter Vaughan	1,253,832	2,074	3,100	Alun Michael @alunmichaelp	Labour	Confirmed his interest	Yes	Confirmed to the Home Affairs Select Committee 17/01/12
					Paul Cannon	Labour	'I think I'm capable and I'm going to be entering'	Yes	Quoted 10/01/12
					Simon Weston	Independent	'I'm going to stand as an independent candidate...I can make a contribution and bring something different'	Yes	Quoted 09/02/12
South Yorkshire	Robert Dyson	1,317,311	1,552	2,888	Meredydd Hughes	Labour	'Having been approached by senior figures in the party, I hope to offer fellow Labour party members good reason to support me'	Yes	Quoted 06/02/12
					Canon Dr Alan Bilings		'possible contender'		Mentioned 30/01/12
					Shaun Wright		'rumoured to be considering [his] options'		Mentioned 30/01/12
					Kash Walayat OBE		'rumoured to be considering [his] options'		Mentioned 30/01/12
Staffordshire	Mike Cunningham	1,067,597	2,713	2,079					
Suffolk	Simon Ash	713,973	3,801	1,244					
Surrey	Lynne Owens	1,113,108	1,663	1,885					

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Sussex	Martin Richards	1,561,379	3,783	3,102	Paul Richards @Labourpaul	Labour	Confirmed his interest	Yes	Article by Paul Richards 13/01/12
					Peter Jones	Conservative	Confirmed his interest	Yes	Campaign Website
					Ian Chisnall @Ian4PCC	Independent	Confirmed his interest.	Yes	Informed the Police Foundation. Campaign website
					Phillip Jones	Independent	'I will be standing as an independent for PCC in Sussex'	Yes	Emailed the Police Foundation 14/02/12
					Paul Dendle @pauldendle	Conservative	'The new-elected Police Commissioner will have to have the drive, foresight and proven ability to make changes...I believe I am that person'	Yes	Quoted 02/02/12 Campaign Website
Thames Valley	Sara Thornton	2,225,601	5,742	4,375					
Warwickshire	Andy Parker	535,073	1,975	919	James Plaskitt	Labour	'As I see it, the commissioners will be there to ensure that policing policy and crime-fighting fit with the community's priorities'	Yes	Quoted 18/02/12

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West Mercia	David Shaw	1,189,751	7,408	2,251	Simon Murphy	Labour	'confirms that he is interested'		Mentioned 11/01/12
					Des Parkinson	Conservative	'Because of my experience and my strong personality I think I would be a good candidate'		Quoted 06/02/12
West Midlands	Chris Simms	2,638,658	902	8,149	Mike Olley @MikeOlleypcc	Labour	Confirmed his interest	Yes	Campaign Website
					Bob Jones	Labour	Has launched his campaign	Yes	Mentioned 11/01/12
					Yvonne Mosquito	Labour	'a possible contender'		Mentioned 11/01/12
					Joe Tildesley	Conservative	'Definitely bidding for the Conservative nomination'	Yes	Mentioned 11/01/12
					Ayoub Khan	Liberal Democrat	'I'm definitely putting my hat into the ring'		Quoted 11/01/12
West Yorkshire	Sir Norman Bettison	2,226,712	2,029	5,536	Keith Hellawell	Independent	'wants to stand'		Quoted 29/01/12
					Mark Burns-Williamson	Labour	'is to seek the Labour nomination'		Mentioned 30/01/12
Wiltshire	Brian Moore	654,925	3,485	1,099					

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