

Dear Applicant

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

Thank you for your interest in becoming a co-opted independent member of Cleveland police and crime panel.

The panel will be part of the new governance and accountability arrangements for policing in the Cleveland force area. The panel's role will be to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the directly elected police and crime commissioner (to be elected on 15 November 2012).

The panel is looking for at least two committed and energetic people to serve as co-opted independent members from summer 2012 for a four year term. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved from the start of new and very different arrangements.

The role of a panel member will be an important and demanding one. In considering your application you should be aware that the typical commitment required from a member of the panel is expected to average one day every two months or so, including preparation time. Meetings will generally be held during normal office hours, or in the early evenings at varying locations throughout the force area.

All panel members will be able to claim reasonable travelling and subsistence expenses. All panel members will receive induction and other appropriate training.

Further information is attached:-

- background to the post
- eligibility criteria
- person specification
- roles and responsibilities

- application form

The closing date for applications is _____, 2012, after which local authority panel members will consider and assess all applications received. It is expected that short-listed candidates will be invited for interview during _____, and that formal appointments will be made in _____, 2012.

You will note that the application form asks for details of two referees. We intend to take up references for short-listed candidates, prior to interview. If you would not wish us to contact your referees at that stage then please indicate with your application.

The panel wishes to reflect the breadth of communities in the Cleveland police area and welcomes applications from all eligible people – irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (ie gender), sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership.

If you wish to discuss any aspect in more detail please contact _____, on 01642 52_____

Yours faithfully

Director of Law and Democracy

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