

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

Eligibility Criteria for Non-Political Independent Panel Members

The following cannot be considered for a position on the panel, namely:-

- anyone under 18 years old
- the Police and Crime Commissioner or a member of his staff
- MPs
- members of the National Assembly for Wales or the Scottish Parliament
- members of the European Parliament
- police officers¹
- Employees of Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council or Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council²
- persons who do not live or work in the police force area
- civil servants engaged in political activity

Please also note:

Independent non-councillor co-optees (either those required and any optional independent co-optees added later) must not be local authority councillors.

¹ Police officers are not covered by the restrictions on membership of the panel in Section 22 in Schedule 6. Also police officers do not fall within Section 22(a) as members of staff of the Police and Crime Commissioner as this category covers people appointed under Section 6 of Schedule 1. However, under section 1(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Police Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/527) a member of a police force may not “take any active part in politics”. The Home Office would regard co-option to a panel, for the purpose of scrutinising an elected Police and Crime Commissioner, as taking an active part in politics, and accordingly, as being prohibited for police officers

² A person disqualified from membership of a local authority under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 cannot be a member of a committee or Sub-Committee of that authority. Nor can he represent that authority on any joint committee of that authority and another local authority or authorities. Local authority employees are therefore prevented from being co-opted on, or appointed to their local authority’s committees or joint Committees. This includes the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel as it is a formally constituted joint committee of the four Teesside Local Authorities. Section 104 of the Local Government Act 1972 refers.