

QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT KNIFE CRIME AND GANGS IN SALFORD

Greater Manchester Police are committed to reducing knife crime and helping young people to feel safe in the areas they live in. Feedback from young people suggests that they do not feel listened to about the problems and we strongly believe that only by listening to the people who are experiencing the problems first hand can we begin to work together to help you feel safe. As a first step, it would really help us if you could complete the following questionnaire as honestly as you can. We will not be taking names, or any personal details that can identify you, and will not be using the answers to try and get anyone in trouble, just to give us an idea of what is happening around you.

1. Why do you think young people join gangs?

- Violence at home
- In response to bullying / peer pressure
- To make money
- Think it is cool / fashionable
- For security / protection
- To make friends
- For something to do
- To impress girls
- To feel powerful
- Family member in a gang
- Friend in a gang
- In response to racism
- To get drugs
- To look tough
- Family breakdown / single parent family
- Other (please specify)

2. How are girls involved in gangs / knife crime?

- Supporting boyfriend
- Keeping hold of things (i.e. guns or drugs)
- May become targets as retaliation
- May indirectly cause violence (i.e. being seen with someone from another gang)
- Active member of gang
- Luring victims to places
- Less likely to be stop searched
- Family members involved
- Friends involved
- Other (please specify)

3. Do you feel that there is a problem with young people and gangs in Salford?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

4. If yes, why do you think there are gangs in Salford?

5. Do you feel safe in your community?

- Yes
- No
- Please explain why

6. Have you ever been involved in a gang?

- Yes
- No

7. If yes, has your gang ever been involved in criminal behaviour?

- No
- Drugs
- Weapons
- Anti social behaviour
- Damage
- Assaults / fighting
- n/a

8. Have you ever been involved with the police?

- Yes
- No

9. Have you ever been stop searched?

- Yes
- No

10. If yes to either question 8 or 9, please say what happened and how you felt you were treated

11. If you are involved, or have ever been involved in a gang, please tell us how you got involved.

12. What would you do if your friend got involved in a gang?

- Talk to them
- Turn your back
- Tell your parents
- Tell their parents
- Tell a teacher or youth worker
- Join up yourself
- Nothing
- Tell the police

13. Have you ever carried a knife?

- Yes
- No

14. If yes, can you tell us why you carried a knife?

15. What do you think would make / help young people leave a gang?

- If they were harmed
- If a friend / family member were harmed
- Positive intervention from school / police / other agencies
- Friend leaving gang
- Getting a job / training opportunity
- Prison
- Family / friends asking them to
- Moving area
- Other (please specify)

16. What do YOU think police can do to keep people out of gangs?

17. What do you think police can do to reduce knife crime in Salford?

18. Is there anything other services can do to help? (school / housing / probation / youth services etc.)

19. If the police had £10,000 to spend to tackle knife crime issues in your area, what do YOU think the best way to spend it would be?

20. Do you feel having police officers in schools can help with issues?

- Yes
- No

21. Do you feel that awareness work, such as ex offenders speaking in schools, can help?

- Yes
- No

22. Do you have anything else you would like to say?

The following questions will be used to see how people's views depending on their personal circumstances and how the support we can offer will change. They WILL NOT be used to identify you in any way.

23. Which school do you attend?

Which school year are you currently in?

- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

What is your ethnic group?

White

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other white background

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Carribean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group

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