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MY PCC**

CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE FORCE AREA

On 18th July, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner.

Find out who your local candidates are and how to vote.



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About police and crime commissioners

On 18th July, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner (PCC). The job of the PCC is to oversee the police and ensure that they are prioritising what matters to you.

Police and crime commissioners are elected by you to ensure the policing needs of your community are met as effectively as possible and to oversee how crime is tackled in your area.

The PCC in your area holds your police force to account for delivering the kind of policing you want to see. Their aim will be to cut crime and to ensure your police force is effective. PCCs bring a public voice to policing and they do this by:

- engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- appointing, and where necessary dismissing, the chief constable.

Work with others

PCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PCC does not 'run' the police force. Chief constables are responsible for the day to day operations of the police, but they are accountable to the public via the police and crime commissioner.

PCCs ensure an effective policing contribution alongside other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats.

Represent the entire community

PCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so that PCCs can set out publicly their commitment to tackling their role with integrity. It reflects the commitment police officers make to serve every member of the public impartially and makes clear that they are there to serve the people, not a political party or any one section of their electorate.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the Northumbria police force area. You can also order a copy of this booklet in the following formats: large print, braille and audio.

To place your order visit **www.choosemypcc.org.uk** or call **0808 196 2170**.

About your vote

You need to be registered to be able to vote.

If you are not registered visit **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** or contact your local council.

If you are registered, and eligible to vote you can either vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf).

In this election you can vote for a first and second preference of who you want to win.

For more information about your vote visit **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

Georgina Emma Rowley Hill

Independent



Election statement:

- **No fear**
- **No favour**
- **No politics**

I am an experienced and hard working Northumberland County Councillor with an excellent track record of delivering for residents and campaigning for change.

I hold a number of positions and chair the Council's Audit Committee, I am a qualified barrister and a long-standing transparency, local government reform and anti-corruption campaigner.

There is no place for party politics in policing. Not only does the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner need to be completely impartial and act independently - **without any political interference** but the public needs to be confident that this is so.

My oath of impartiality will be genuine and I will act **without fear or favour** and create an environment within Northumbria Police which will allow whistle-blowers to feel able to come forward without fear.

Nor would I allow any more party politics over the police budget with the parties blaming each other for apparent cuts and problems with the service. **This role requires someone with the ability and principles to be fully open, transparent and accountable.**

My commitments include;

- To be strictly independent and non-political
- To be open and transparent
- To ensure (complex) fraud cases are properly investigated
- **To put crime reduction and justice for all at the heart of everything we do**
- To not allow political correctness to obstruct the process of justice and the pursuit of criminals
- To tackle cultural problems within Northumbria police
- To work tirelessly to restore public confidence in Northumbria police
- To reverse the short-sighted decision over the opening times of police stations and custody suites which I consider to have led to a reduction in arrests and a big spike in anti-social behaviour especially in the more northern and rural areas

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Cara Kim McGuinness

Labour Party



Election statement:

As Police and Crime Commissioner I would focus on fighting crime and keeping communities safe.

Our police are doing their best despite savage government cuts. But with crime on the up and response times rising, that isn't enough. The police and the people in our area are being desperately let down by the government.

Government cuts mean 1000 fewer police on our streets. Crime is rising with violent offences up by a quarter and public disorder offences up by 38%. People deserve to feel safe. To do that we need a Labour Police and Crime Commissioner to stand up for communities across Northumberland and Tyne & Wear and get the police resources they need.

The police are there to help at some of the darkest times in our lives and we rely on them being there when we need them. But that doesn't always happen. As Police and Crime Commissioner I would make a stand. I will focus on the basics that people expect, that police are on our streets fighting crime and keeping communities safe.

We need more police on the streets, reconnecting with communities and clamping down on crime. I want to tackle the causes of crime and look to prevent it from happening in the first place. When it does occur I want to see victims at the heart of the system and they should get the help and support they need as they seek justice.

The police need to be visible on our streets and be connected to our communities and able to respond to local priorities. I will put the voice of our communities at the centre of the police force.

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Robbie Moore

Conservative and Unionist Party



Conservatives



Election statement:

Campaigning for a better, **safer community** which works for everyone is at the heart of what I am about. I am **passionate** about our region and **revitalising community spirit**.

This starts with keeping people safe and protected from harm. Crime in our area has gone up 8 percent in a year with reported crime up 87 percent in four years. That is simply not acceptable.

I have lived and worked across our region and I know we need a real change of focus to more **community policing** – getting more **bobbies on the beat**.

This is an important election as the Police and Crime Commissioner sets the police and crime objectives for your area. Vulnerable residents and communities will be at the heart of my policing strategy. It is vital that we all feel safe and protected from harm.

I am determined to see crime rates significantly reduced and I will be a strong advocate for victims of crime and violence.

By using your vote to support me, together we will;

- Ensure **all levels of crime**, both across our urban and rural areas are dealt with.
- **Refocus** our policing strategy to be **community focussed**.
- Increase the presence of police officers on our streets.
- Be a **strong advocate** for the most vulnerable in society.

In this election, you have a **clear choice** between a safer future for our area, or more uncertainty where day to day crime is not dealt with. With your support, I look forward to being your ambassador and developing a policing strategy which works for you.

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Jonathan Wallace

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

I am the Lib Dem leader of the Opposition on Gateshead council (and a councillor since 1987).

The office of PCC has proved expensive, ineffective, and unnecessary. I support its abolition and returning police oversight to a board of councillor and community representatives.

Under the previous PCC, police numbers have fallen, crime rates have risen, and the police precept payable by council taxpayers has increased by the maximum - 21% last year - with no noticeable improvement in outcomes or police cover.

My priorities are:

- Neighbourhood policing
- Tackling the anti social behaviour affecting many communities.
- Reducing violence against and exploitation of women and children
- Tackling extremism and hate crime.
- Identifying joint solutions with mental health and social care providers to reduce pressure on police resources

- Reviewing the Late Night Levy and ensuring greater transparency on how it is spent.
- Supporting victims and encouraging restorative justice.
- Better resourcing for rural areas, including reopening police cells in Northumberland. Police cover is being depleted as officers from rural areas need to take detainees to Wallsend, since cells in the county were closed.
- Accessible justice via local courts
- Reducing reoffending rates
- Joined up working between police and local authority community safety provision, probation services, and youth offending teams.
- Emulating the approach taken by Durham Police on drugs policing. Drug use should be a public health priority rather than a police priority and police resources targeted at dealers not users.
- Effective action against prolific offenders and organised crime.
- Retention of the European Arrest Warrant and effective participation in European-wide initiatives on crime, terrorism, and extremism.

A vote for me at this election is a vote for common sense and effective community policing.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Northumbria

This booklet contains more information about those candidates (where provided) and other information useful to voters.

The information provided by a candidate is their responsibility, and may not reflect the opinions of myself or my council.

As Police Area Returning Officer I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result in Northumbria.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Northumbria on 18th July 2019; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- HILL, Georgina Emma Rowley - Independent
- MCGUINNESS, Cara Kim - Labour Party
- MOORE, Robbie - Conservative and Unionist Party
- WALLACE, Jonathan - Liberal Democrats

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