

Trust and confidence in the police within minority communities, what barriers or issues prevent you from engaging with the police?

**What is it about?** I want to know what the barriers are in the community you live in with trust and confidence in the police, and what people with lived experience think about the issue of how police provide trust and confidence. We are hoping to find this out through focus groups, which means getting small groups of people together in a safe space to talk.

**Who is it for?** Are you in a seldom heard voice or minority community? A minority community may be a religious group/community, a disability group/community, a minority due to ethnicity or culture are you part of the LGBTQ+ community. If you are not sure if any of these apply to you, don’t worry – just contact me.

**How long will it take?** Each focus group will last between 1-2 hours, and you only need to attend once. The length of the focus group may depend on the discussion and debates raised and on how many participants attend. The questions that will be asked will address what barriers are there in trust and confidence and trust in the police? Subsequent questions will be reliant on what answers come from the primary question.

**Why should I take part?** You will be helping to set out what the barriers are for trust and confidence and what it looks like, and this information will be shared with the local policing, College of policing and Police and crime commissioner’s office. We will provide an incentive in the form of a £20.00 voucher for everyone who takes part. If you would like any further info, please call or email the researcher on the details listed below. All participants will be anonymized to ensure confidentiality and safety. Participants will be given information about withdrawing from the research and to ensure they are aware of the process throughout.

**When and where?** I am looking to hold the focus groups in a safe space such as a local meeting place, community Centre or place that is local to the focus group, this will be coordinated in due course. I am looking for the data to ensure that the findings can be passed onto various external organizations such as police training, Police and crime commissioner's office and other accredited departments.

**How do I take part?** For more information, or to tell us you would like to attend a focus group, please call Mike McKue on 07756663082 or email M.mckue@hull.ac.uk