

What do women in Coventry want from the new

Police and Crime Commissioner?

On 15 November 2012 there will be elections for a Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands (covering Coventry).

Police and Crime Commissioners will be responsible for:

- Appointing the Chief Constable and holding them to account;
- Producing a 5-year Police & Crime Plan setting out local policing priorities;
- Setting the annual police force budget;
- Making funding available to organisations that reduce crime or that promote increased community confidence.

Coventry Women's Voices invites you to a Women's Question Time with Police and Crime Commissioner Candidates.

Ask the candidates about their policies in tackling crime and let them know your views

Every vote will count

This is your chance to make your voice heard

Women's Question Time

Wednesday 31 October 2012

7-9 pm

Diamond Room 1,
Council House, Earl Street,
Coventry, CV1 5RR

Chair: Trish Adudu,
BBC Coventry and Warwickshire
Radio

Candidates who will be attending include:

Bob Jones, Labour Party

Matt Bennett,
Conservative Party

Cath Hannon, Independent

Mike Rumble, Independent

Ray Egan: Independent (TBC)

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To book a place at the event, send in a question for the panel or find out more information please contact:

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Coventry Women's Voices calls on the Police & Crime Commissioner candidates for the West Midlands to sign up to this 7-point plan:

I,

Candidate for Police & Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands, pledge if I am elected, to commit to reducing crime and increasing community safety by:

1 Police

- Ensuring police in every part of Coventry deliver the best possible response to all reports of violence against women & girls by routinely consulting with all Coventry sexual violence agencies
- Ensuring confidentiality of victim information held on police databases
- Carrying out a Gender Impact Assessment on all new initiatives/changes of police policy/changes in police force employment

2 Rape

- Ensuring that survivors of sexual violence have access to specialist support by committing to maintain and pursue funding for all Coventry sexual violence agencies

3 Domestic violence

- Monitoring impact of local authority cuts on refuges and ensuring access for all women and children fleeing violence
- Taking leadership role in planning to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation, forced marriage and 'honour-based' violence

4 Sexual harassment

- Working towards making Coventry public transport a zero tolerance zone for sexual assault.

5 Prostitution

- Ensuring the police response to prostitution does not criminalise women & girls and supports programmes that prevent them entering prostitution/provide exit routes

6 Events

- Ensuring major events in Coventry have good safety planning for women & girls

7 Prevention

- Working towards making Coventry a UK leader on preventing violence against women
- Consulting with local women's groups and public bodies to develop a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy for the West Midlands and appointing a senior executive responsible for delivering subsequent recommendations
- Sourcing funding for and taking the lead on programmes to tackle youth violence against women and girls to manage and change offending behaviour
- Working towards running public campaigns to challenge myths and stereotypes about sexual and domestic violence

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