



Results of Lewisham Policing Consultation

The survey was sent out to all those identified as members of the **Young Citizens Panel** and the response rate was 23%, with 64 young people returning the survey. The survey was conducted in April 2005 on behalf of the Lewisham Police Community Consultative Group (LPCCG).

- **Have you ever been stopped by a police officer in Lewisham?**
Of the respondents only 21% had ever been stopped by a police officer.
- **Have you ever been stopped and searched by a police officer in Lewisham?**
Only 7% of respondents had ever been stopped and searched by the police.
- **If you have ever been stopped and searched by a police officer in Lewisham were you given a written report by the police?**
 - Of those who had been stopped by the police only 5% were given a written report by the police.
- **Do you know your rights when stopped?**
No: 46% Yes: 54%
- **Have you ever received information about stop and search?**
No: 73% Yes: 26%
- **If yes, where did you get the information?**
Of those who felt informed about stop and search 87% got their information from their school while the remaining 13% had learnt about it either through personal research or from their parents.

- **Have you heard of Recommendation 61 of the MacPherson Inquiry into the death of Stephen Lawrence, which requires police officers to make a written record of any time they ask you to stop and account for yourself?**

No: 80% Yes: 19% Not sure: 1%

- **Do you know that Police Community Support Officers as well as Police Officers have the right to ask you to stop and to account for yourself?**

Yes: 49% No: 51%

- **Have you heard of a Section 60 Notice, which allows the police to stop and search people in a given location to prevent public disorder?**

No: 67% Yes: 32% Not sure: 1%

- **Would you feel more or less confidence in the police if they made a written record of every time they stopped you?**

More confident: 60%

Less Confident: 35%

Neither: 4%

Don't know: 1%

- **Do you think the police should account for their actions?**

Yes: 95% No: 5%

- **Do you have anything else you would like to say?**

Only a quarter of respondents responded to this question. Of those:

a. 20% felt that they would like more information

b. 60% felt that police were subject to bias in the way they selected people to be stopped and searched

c. 10% felt that police numbers had increased but that they didn't feel any safer

d. 5% felt that there shouldn't be an age limit for.

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