

Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Election – 16 July 2026

Election Guidance for Candidates Upon Engagement with Norfolk Constabulary and The Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner

This guidance sets out how the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Norfolk Constabulary will engage with candidates in the election for a police and crime commissioner for Norfolk to be held on 16 July 2026.

General

General principles will guide the activity of the OPCC and Constabulary, their officers, and staff in performing their roles during the period up to the election:

- they will not engage in activity which favours or appears to favour one candidate against another.
- they will not engage in activity likely to affect or influence the outcome of the election.
- there will be even-handedness in meeting information requests from candidates.
- action will not be taken to undertake any work for one candidate that would not be provided for another.

Correspondence from Candidates and the Handling of Requests for Information

Candidates are invited to send any requests for information to the Chief Constable and Chief Executive for consideration of a response. The Chief Executive will prepare a response to any request in conjunction with the Constabulary. Any response provided together with the request for information will be posted on the OPCC's website. The publication of the request and the response will not be attributable to the person making the request.

Requests for Fact Finding/Media visits

Candidates may wish to make visits to police stations and other police premises. Requests for such visits that are for the purpose of fact finding and receiving briefings will be regarded as reasonable requests. However, visits solely intended to generate publicity for a candidate will not be regarded as reasonable. Approval will not be given to visits and events with a party political or campaigning purpose.

Use of Police Images and Livery

The imagery and livery of the OPCC or Constabulary must not be used in any political material. Permission is not granted to use any pre-existing photographs or publicity involving officers or staff in election campaign publicity.

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