

# Police and Crime Commissioner Election Staffordshire 2012

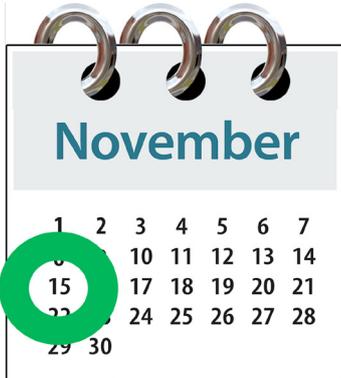


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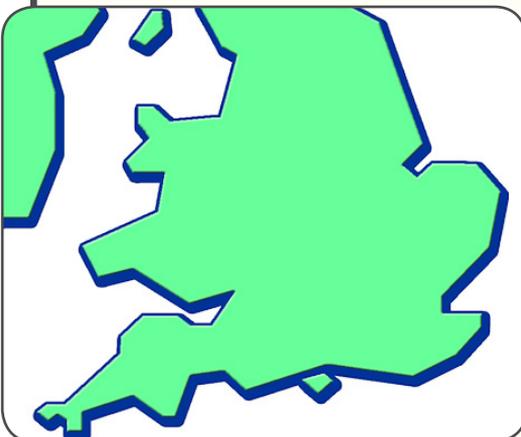
# About the election



There will be an election on Thursday 15th November 2012 to choose the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire.



This is your chance to help decide who will be in charge of the police in Staffordshire for the next 4 years.



There are Police and Crime Commissioner elections all over England and Wales.

# Police and Crime Commissioners

The Police and Crime Commissioner is a new job where the person who wins the election in each area has to make sure the police are working well.

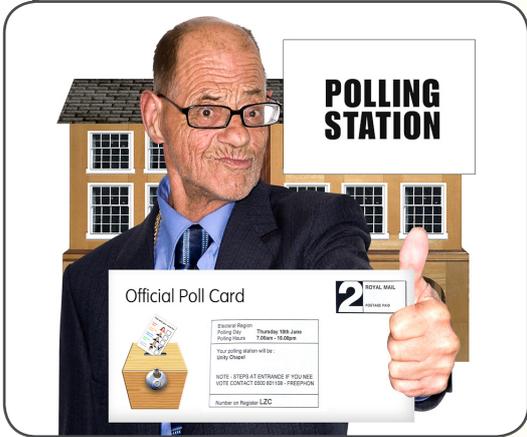


The Police and Crime Commissioner for each area will have to:

- choose a Chief Constable (the highest-ranking police officer)
- decide how the police spend the money in their budget
- decide how the police will make their area safer for everyone
- make sure local people have a say in how the police are working.



# About voting



Everyone over the age of 18 can vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner election.

If you're not sure whether you're registered to vote, ask your family or support workers to help you find out.



Your vote is secret and nobody can tell you who you should vote for – it is your choice.



If you have any questions about the Police and Crime Commissioner election, or having a postal vote you can contact the Stoke-on-Trent city council elections team on **01782 233800**.

## Who is in the election?

There is still time for other people to join the election but at the moment two people are trying to become the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire - Matthew Ellis and Joy Garner.



Matthew Ellis is from the Conservative Party. He is a councillor for Lichfield and has been cabinet member for social care at Staffordshire County Council for 3 years.



Joy Garner is from the Labour Party. She is councillor for the Burslem Park area of Stoke-on-Trent and a member of the Staffordshire Police Authority.



# Matthew Ellis



Reach asked **Matthew Ellis** what he would do for adults with learning disabilities if he is elected Police and Crime Commissioner. He said:



- the police don't always understand about disability so people are "often treated in an inappropriate way" and he will make sure "there is better training for police officers"



- he wants "a closer relationship with social care professionals who should be working more closely to support police officers"

## Safer Places



- he will make sure the police support Citizen Watch and Safer Places schemes all over Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

# Joy Garner

Reach asked **Joy Garner** what she would do for adults with learning disabilities if she is elected Police and Crime Commissioner. She said:

- she has “a proven zero tolerance to all hate crimes”
- she will “speed up awareness training for the police and when people are arrested they should be properly assessed for their needs at the police station”
- she will “work in regular partnership with partners like Reach and Mencap and others, to improve the service and inform the policing plan.”



## More Information



You can find out more about Matthew Ellis and Joy Garner from their websites:

[www.tellmatthew.org](http://www.tellmatthew.org)

[www.joygarner.co.uk](http://www.joygarner.co.uk)



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