

POLICING

Young people's views and experiences of the police.

AI POWERED ANALYSIS

Generative AI was used to analyse over 800 interviews from Peer Action Collective (PAC) research into youth violence from 2020-2023 across England and Wales.



Through PAC, young people carried out peer research in their communities.



We identified research questions for the AI to ask of 800 interviews.



OC&C used AI to reach insights from young people on policing.

FINDINGS

Overview

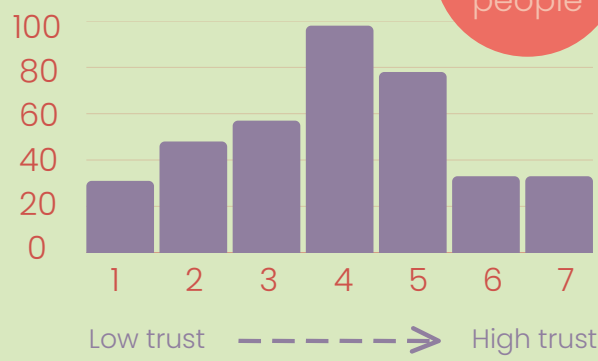


PAC respondents' trust in police in aggregate is neutral, though views are relatively polarised, highlighting that attitudes towards police among young people are complex.

Those that trust police view the police as effective, and view their presence as helping reduce violence.

"That makes me worry a lot less because there's a police station right there. If something happens around here, they'll be here in a minute or two."
Male, aged 10, London

Trust in Police

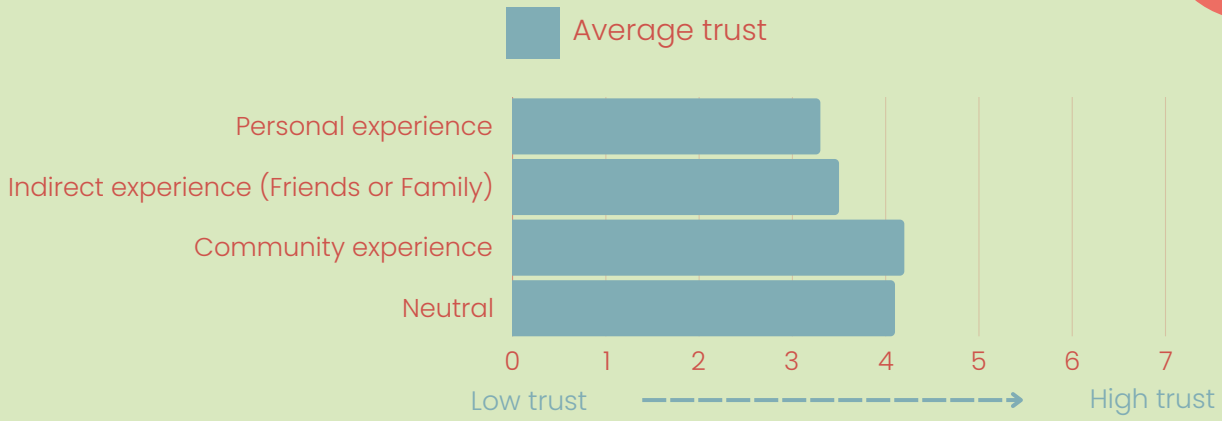


Others have strong negative views of police, not trusting them to effectively reduce violence or do it in a fair and unbiased way.

"I've been stopped by police a couple of times in my area. It's not like I'm a threat to anyone so I would say that, it was a bad encounter."
Male, aged 20, London

Young people with experience of violence are less likely to trust the police

318 young people



Most young people agree that they would change the way the police work. They want to see...

221 young people

Community Education and Engagement (38%)

Increased Police Presence (19%)

Addressing Systemic Issues (4%)

Improved Police Training (20%)

Preventative Policing (14%)

Stricter Enforcement (5%)