

# PCSO handbook - Guidance overview

Police community support officers (PCSOs) provide a link between the police and the communities they serve. They bring essential skills, values and diversity to policing.

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This handbook is for police community support officers (PCSOs), their supervisors, those who deploy PCSOs, chief officers, police and crime commissioners (PCCs) and anyone looking to better understand the PCSO role.

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