**Volunteers wanted to join the BANES
Independent Advisory Group for Policing**

The [Bath and North East Somerset Independent Advisory Group](https://bathnes.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaac7864bba59ea322ceb662d&id=d99fa7c984&e=acf6ae8869) is seeking new people to join them.

Independent Advisory Groups - known as IAGs - are made up of members of the public who meet to advise and offer ideas to police forces on a wide range of activities relating to local policing.  They act as a 'critical friend', helping the Police understand different viewpoints – there is no need to have any expert or specialist knowledge to participate.

At the moment, the priorities of the BANES IAG are:

* Reducing Anti-social behaviour (ASB)
* Creating Safe Spaces
* Violence Against Woman and Girls (VAWG).

If these topics, or policing interest you, they would love to hear from you.

They are particularly keen to involve young people, people from seldom heard communities, those with protected characteristics as covered by the Equality Act 2000 and people living outside Bath.

The role would involve attendance at quarterly meetings in local Police facilities to discuss local issues and comment, sometimes critically, on Police procedures.

As a member of an IAG, your input will help the Police to be more effective, to engage better with the public, and respond better to the needs of local communities.

For further information or to express interest, contact the Chair of the BANES IAG, Ced Bufton, by email