

# Attitudes of police constables on missing person risk assessments

This research explores police constable attitudes on the initial risk assessment, processes and procedures that form part of the police response to missing persons.

## Key details

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## Research context

The police service plays a vital role in locating and safeguarding missing persons. When a report of a missing person is made to the police service, a police officer, usually of police constable rank, is tasked with obtaining information relating to the missing person and the circumstances of their disappearance. An initial risk assessment is completed by the attending officer with the level of perceived risk determined.

This research project seeks to explore the attitudes of police constables on the initial missing person risk assessment and the processes and procedures that form part of the police service

response.

## Research methodology

The research will be conducted by way of voluntary participant questionnaire to serving police constables. Data from the questionnaire will be analysed to draw informed conclusions. Results will be compared against published research within the academic field.