## Conceptualising the UK Police Support Volunteer

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## Police Support Volunteers (PSVs): A national picture



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7,632 PSVs



190,000 hours

(significantly impacted by Covid-19 pandemic)



1,100 role profiles

Source: IPSCJ Police Support Volunteer National Benchmarking Exercise 2018/2021

## What we know about PSVs







**Motivations** 

The Altruistic PSV

The Social PSV

The Career PSV





Experiences



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Infrastructure

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## Looking ahead to practice and research

- Understanding the PSV 'offer': Greater clarity on purpose and role within policing in 2022 and beyond
- Reimagining the PSV role: Processes and patterns of 'being' a volunteer do not have to mirror those of paid officers and staff
- Adequately resourced infrastructure: Understanding motivations; meaningful contributions; recognition and value