



CARE OF POLICE SURVIVORS (COPS)

'Rebuilding Shattered Lives'

COPS Council Information & Selection Process

We are looking to recruit survivor volunteers to join the COPS Council, the body that replaces that formerly known as the Management Committee and Survivor Committee.

In simple terms the purpose of the Council is:

- To represent the views of survivors.
- To provide a source of volunteers to support the charity's work.
- To act as the representative body of survivors to appoint the National President.
- To reach out to current, former and new survivors to provide peer support.

To apply for a place on the Council, download the Council Application Form (held on the documents section of the website) and email it to me denis.gunn@ukcops.org

The Council plays a key role in the way the charity develops, working closely with the staff team and the Board of Trustees and, therefore, has a pivotal role in how the charity evolves to meet future challenges.

To join the Council, you must have been a Survivor for at least three years. We are looking for 'team players', people with a positive 'can do' attitude, people with fresh ideas and a willingness to help out whenever possible.

Generally, the Council meets four times a year, usually in the Midlands, normally at weekends and appointments to the Council are for tenures of three years.

Much of the Council's business is carried out online, which greatly reduces members' travel times and expenses, but does make it necessary for applicants to have access to email.

More information is available in the documents section of the COPS website. If, before applying, you would like an informal chat about the role, please give me a call on 07702 470 328.

This is your charity and we really would appreciate some help making it work for all Survivors. As a member of the Council, you will play a significant part in determining COPS' future.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 19th March 2017.

Thank you all.

Denis Gunn
National President, COPS



COPS is looking for Survivors to join the COPS Council

The COPS Council has replaced the group formerly known as Management Committee and Survivor Committee as the body representing the views of Survivors. Many of the responsibilities of the former Committees have been taken on by the staff team.

The purpose of the Council is:

- To provide a body within the formal structure of the charity to represent the views of charity beneficiaries and service delivery volunteers
- To act as the representative body of charity beneficiaries to appoint the National President
- To be a reliable source of volunteers and links to volunteers to support all aspects of the charity's work
- To reach out to current, former and potential charity beneficiaries for the purposes of providing peer support and soliciting engagement with the work of the charity

COPS is looking for committed volunteers to join the Council and help the charity continue its progress. The key requirements are an enthusiasm for COPS, an ability to commit time to volunteering for the charity, and a willingness to work with other stakeholders to develop ideas and practice.

Role and Person Specification

The key requirements for these roles are a commitment and enthusiasm for COPS and an ability to commit time to getting things done. The following skills and experience would also be particularly valuable:

- Ability to have good ideas and get things done
- Comfortable talking about COPS and your experience in an engaging way

Time Commitment

COPS Councillors would normally attend 4 half day meetings per year. These are normally held in the Midlands.

COPS Councillors are not restricted to contributing only during meetings – each would normally also contribute to the running of the charity throughout the year.

COPS Councillors can serve up to two terms of three years each.

The roles are unremunerated (although reasonable travel expenses are payable).

Supporting Documents

The COPS Council Terms of Reference can be found on the COPS website



How to apply

To apply for this role, please complete the COPS Council Application Form explaining what you would bring to the role of COPS Councillor. Email your completed form to Denis Gunn, National President, at denis.gunn@ukcops.org

Once received all applications will be processed by the COPS Council nominations committee in line with the criteria below:

- Availability for Council meetings (normally held at weekends in the Midlands)
- Ability to contribute time outside of meetings
- Complementing the current Council with a range of survivor relationships and experiences
- Complementing the Council with a variety of knowledge, skills and experience that will help the Council fulfil its role.

To assist with making appointment decisions, informal meetings may take place with applicants.

For an informal and confidential discussion about the roles, please contact Denis Gunn by phone on 07702 470 328

Timetable

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 19 March 2017**.

Any informal meetings will take place during March/April