

## Becoming a Peer Reviewer

Peer review is a process through which externally accredited peers undertake a review of an organisation's operations against a set of agreed terms of reference. Peers can come from external organisations or from within the organisation.

Examples of reviews conducted by Peer Support Programme (PSP) trained reviewers include:

- External reviews conducted on Community Safety Partnerships, the delivery of the Prevent and Counter Terrorism programmes.
- In-house reviews conducted on Police Business Continuity Management and Domestic Homicide Reviews
- The PSP model has also been used as an evaluation tool on the delivery of offender management services, prevent programme and the victims' capacity building fund.

This supportive approach allows partnerships, partners and professionals to assess their strengths and weaknesses in a safe environment with peers who operate at a similar professional level and through their feedback offer consideration of areas for improvement.

### How to become a peer reviewer:

- Attend the training course, qualify and undertake your first review of an organisation involved in the Covenant programme.
- The training will be one day and will require you to undertake some pre-course reading (about one hour).
- The course will be a mixture of formal input then you will participate in an observed exercise of a simulated peer review.
- You will be expected to draft a brief report on the review findings (about 250-400 words)

### What's in it for me:

- PSP has been training peer reviewers for 10 years with their unique model developed from the Local Government Association/Police Standards Unit Peer Challenge model.
- On-going professional development through the initial training and learning whilst undertaking reviews/evaluations.
- Feedback from existing peers tells us that they learn significantly from each other and from the partnerships or organisations they review and it keeps their own practise sharp.

To express an interest in attending the peer review training course contact [john.curtis@peersupportprogramme.org](mailto:john.curtis@peersupportprogramme.org),

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