
Appointment of NRiPN Director

Overview

The N8 Policing Research Partnership (N8 PRP) is looking for a new Director for the [New Researchers in Policing Network \(NRiPN\)](#). Funding for 10% fte buy-out is available from October 2026-September 2027.

To apply, please submit the application form and your CV to Helen Gordon-Smith by 28 August 2026.

For more information on N8 PRP and NRiPN, please visit [our website](#) or contact your institution's [N8 PRP Lead](#). To discuss the role, please contact the current director, [Dr Ellen Reeves](#), or the N8 PRP project manager, [Helen Gordon-Smith](#).

About NRiPN

The New Researchers in Policing Network (NRiPN) is community of Post Graduate and Early Career Researchers in the N8 PRP region that supports research, bids, events, collaboration, and impact. It is free to join for PGRs and ECRs affiliated with universities or police forces in the north of England. For more detail and past activities and events, please go to the [NRiPN homepage](#).

Job Description

Strategy

- Work with N8 PRP central team, partner representatives, and key stakeholders to develop and support opportunities for NRiPN members.

Event Organisation

- Develop and deliver online CPD events (~6 per year), including dates, speakers, themes.
- Develop and deliver the NRiPN Grant Writing Mentorship Programme Workshop, including arranging the venue, date, theme, speakers, programme, and registration.

Support N8 PRP activity

- Promote N8 PRP events and activities
- Organise NRiPN poster exhibition at annual N8 PRP Policing Innovation Forum
- Work with the N8 PRP project manager to develop and award the Agile Evidence Review grants
- Promote the work of N8 PRP and NRiPN through attending events and meetings as agreed

Administration

- Maintain the NRiPN listserv and membership list, including welcoming new members
- Attend N8 PRP governance meetings x3 per year

Person Specification

- Early Career Researcher at N8 institution (University of Durham, Lancaster, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield, or York).
- Able to commit 10%fte to the role
- Ability to work with N8 PRP policing and academic partners and other key stakeholders to promote and encourage the development of postgraduate and early career policing research across the N8 PRP footprint

Financial Support

- 10% FTE buy-out funded by N8 PRP (100% fec, no Estates or Indirects)
- Travel expenses as appropriate