

## PRE-INDUCTION TASK

# SHOULD THE UK POLICE BE ARMED?

### READ THE ARTICLES



#### RURAL POLICE COULD ROUTINELY CARRY GUNS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-44151242>



#### SHOULD ALL FRONTLINE POLICE OFFICERS USE TASERS?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49405999>



#### ARMED POLICE: PROS AND CONS

<https://theweek.com/98194/armed-police-pros-and-cons>

### WATCH THE VIDEOS



#### COULD ARMED POLICE PATROL OUR ESTATES

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
\\_ml2kMXnSDYA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?_ml2kMXnSDYA)



#### POLICE COMMISSIONER ON ARMING THE UK POLICE FORCE

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=HKgcaAUPU2Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKgcaAUPU2Y)



#### POLICE ATTACKS: SHOULD ALL POLICE OFFICERS BE ARMED

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=wVa5AZTlpNw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVa5AZTlpNw)

Using the articles and videos above undertake the comprehension, research and debate planning tasks on the next page.

You will use these tasks in your first two weeks on the Public Services course.

See you on the 1st September!

# COMPREHENSION TASK

Using the articles above, answer the following questions

## RURAL POLICE ‘COULD ROUTINELY CARRY GUNS’

- 1: Why are Police Chiefs considering arming the Police Force in rural parts of the country, such as Devon and Cornwall?
- 2: Why is there a high turnover of CTSFO according to Simon Chesterman (National Police Chief’s Council Lead for arming Police)?
- 3: What percentage of the UK Police Force are currently armed?

## SHOULD ALL FRONTLINE POLICE OFFICERS USE TASERS?

- 1: According to the Home Office, how many incidents occurred in the year to March 2018 through using tasers? How many more occurred in the year to March 2018 in comparison to the earlier year?
- 2: What percentage of the current Police Force think tasers should be issued to the frontline staff?
- 3: Conclude the findings of the Cambridge University study on taser use within the Police Force.

## ARTICLE 3: ARMED POLICE: PROS & CONS

- 1: What are the two main pros and two main cons related to arming the UK Police Force?
- 2: What percentage of Police would carry a firearm following a national survey?
- 3: How long would it take to train a Police Officer sufficiently and what would the training involve?

# RESEARCH TASK

Complete the following research activities, ensuring you include the website/book, etc. you collected the information from.

Find research that suggests arming the Police Force has positive impacts in reducing crime in society in other countries.

Alongside this, make notes on the negative impacts of arming the Police Force in society in other countries.

# DEBATE PLANNING TASK

You are the new Chief Police Commissioner for Greater Manchester working closely with Members of Parliament (MP). The MP for National Security has asked for your opinion on arming Greater Manchester Police in a trial 3 month period, with the possibility of rolling this out all over the UK.

You have the opportunity to express your opinions to a group of local MP’s who will then take your arguments to be discussed in the House of Parliament.

Ensure you can support your argument with information from the previous, comprehension and research task and ensure you are in a position to discuss the pros and cons of arming the UK Police Force.