



Appendix E - Evidence Based Research Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1) Why is the Force running the EB Research Matrix?**
 - It is in line with a new Force focus around Evidence Based practice underpinning all policies and practice. Focussing on an approach based around methods that are proven (by research) to work in achieving their aims.
 - In order to collate relevant research based in our own Force and seek to apply findings to policing methods, part of Force's continuous improvement.

- 2) How can I find out what research is ongoing?**
 - The EMPAC website
 - College of Policing Research Map
 - College of Policing and Internal (Intranet) – 'What Works?' sites inform of research that has taken place and been evaluated.

- 3) If I am an internal applicant undertaking a research piece as part of an external qualification, how can I get my research topic approved?**
 - Through submitting an application for consideration by the Evidence Based Steering Group members, applications are screened through acceptance criteria and the researcher is notified of the outcome of this.

- 4) How will the board be kept up to date with the progress of my research?**
 - Once your research is accepted, you will be allocated a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in the relevant department. You will update them at regular intervals on the progress of your research and your SPOC will update the EB Steering Group.

- 5) What guidance/resources are available to help me with my application?**
 - Use of online journal articles will be available to police officers and staff through creating an account on POLKA (<https://polka.pnn.police.uk>) where the police library can be accessed.

- 6) If I do not have academic connections, what measures are in place to assist me?**
 - Officers and staff who wish to conduct research but do not have access to academic resources can be referred to the East Midlands Police and Academic Collaboration group in order to access assistance from academic staff. If needed EMPAC will facilitate workshops to assist with the research process.

- 7) How will my research actually benefit the Force?**
 - It is the matter of the researcher to align their work in order to be of benefit to the Force's research requirements
 - Research will aim to inform future policy decisions and changes within Force

- 8) What is the closing date for applications?**
 - We will continuously accept applications throughout the year but aim to align our EB steering group meetings to the start of each new academic year (September)

9) What is the Evidence Based Steering Group?

- The Evidence Based Steering Group is a committee that meets quarterly, consisting of members of various departments who will meet to discuss how relevant and useful your research application would be. Any other issues are raised in the board meeting and these are addressed by the board.

10) What are the stages of the application process?

- Please see the research process flowchart which explains the different stages of the process.

11) What is the EMPAC Impact Typology?

- East Midland Policing Academic Collaboration have produced an Impact Typology which will help the force to assess the worth of a piece of research and how effective implementing the research would be. This will be used during the application process when Business Futures take the application to the board and also when considering the final product.

12) What qualifications/rank do I need to be/have to take part?

- Applications for research are open to all. Please bear in mind that if you are not from an academic background but do wish to take part, there may be some extra background work in order to familiarise yourself with academic writing and research methods.

13) How will research be presented back to the EB steering group?

- Research can be presented to the EB steering group in a variety of ways; applicants need to consider their final product when applying. This product needs to show, in a practical way, how Derbyshire Police Force can implement the results of the research.

14) Will applications only be accepted if they fit with force research topics?

- Internal research on any subject will be considered by the Board however, there will be regulations on the research content for external applicants wishing to undertake research in force.

15) When will I know if my research proposal has been accepted?

- After submission of your application, it will take up to 3 months to be considered by EB Steering Group members and you will be notified via email when a decision has been agreed.

16) What research proposals will be considered?

- All applications research proposals from internal applicants will be considered by the group.
- There will be regulations for external applications on the research topic (check website).

17) If I am already on a course and planning to do internal research within my own department or amongst my peers, do I need to go through the application process?

- This would only apply if they are trying to access funding. However, the force would wish to be informed of all research taking place.
- Research conducted for Masters level and above could populate the College of Policing Research map. Research conducted below this level can populate the research map if processed through the EB steering group and EMPAC.