

Kent County Council

Knife Crime Select Committee

Hearing Day 2

Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

**Alan Wood, Community Engagement Manager, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, Her Majesty's Prison/Youth Offender Institution
Standford Hill**

Two residents of HMP Stanford Hill

- In your view, why is there a reported increase in knife crime?
- In your opinion, to what extent are gangs and "County Lines" having an impact on knife crime in Kent?
- In your opinion, what are the most effective initiatives and strategies that can be implemented to tackle knife crime?
- In your view, what can Kent County Council do to help reduce the incidence and impact of knife crime in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, that you wish to bring to the Committee's attention?