

Kent County Council
Knife Crime Select Committee
Biography

Dr Erin Sanders-McDonagh

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Dr Sanders-McDonagh received her PhD at the University of Nottingham in 2010 and has been working as a senior lecturer in Criminology at the University of Kent since 2016. She was the Director of Studies for Criminology from 2016-2019, and is a member of the British Sociological Association, a fellow of the Higher Education Academy, and works with the British Association of Social Workers.

Dr Sanders-McDonagh has published widely and is the author a wide number of articles in internationally acclaimed journals. She is the author of two books and writes for a number of news organisations including The Conversation. Her work has appeared in a number of international news outlets including Wired, the Telegraph, the Irish Independent, and the Irish Examiner, and she is a regular contributor to BBC news.

Dr Sanders-McDonagh has led on a number of research projects related to domestic abuse and homicide, sexual violence and child sexual exploitation, youth offending and gangs in London, working directly with young people who are affected by violent crime. Most recently, she has completed a project with the New Horizon Youth Centre in London, working with their dedicated Youth Offending Project team in the best ways of tackling re-offending and improving the lives of young people who are gang-affiliated. She spent three years working with the team and has interviewed over 100 young people as part of the project. Her work has explored issues related to knife crime, County Lines and exploitation of young people.