

Kent County Council

Knife Crime Select Committee

Hearing Day 3

Wednesday, 12 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

Dr Erin Sanders-McDonagh, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Kent

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- In your view, what are the main reasons behind the reported increases in knife crime offences in Kent?
- Please discuss the cycles of vulnerability and approaches to working with known offenders.
- In your view, what can be done to prevent young people from becoming involved in gangs?
- In your opinion, in what ways can Kent County Council help to 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?