

Kent County Council
Knife Crime Select Committee
Biography

Mark Pearson

Chief Executive Officer, Excelsior Safeguarding

Mark is CEO of Excelsior Safeguarding, a 'not-for-profit' organisation established to provide effective help and support to vulnerable young people and adults affected by group violence, drugs and other forms of criminal exploitation. He previously served with Kent Police for 30 years; in the last 5 years of service he was the Lead Police Officer on the Margate Task Force. He has advised government ministers, think tanks and directors, and successfully project managed a Department for Communities and Local Government funded initiative to drive innovation around gangs, drugs and exploitation.

Mark's areas of expertise include:

- geo-mapping of contextual safeguarding risks
- peer group/social network analysis of adults and young people at risk from exploitation
- delivery of certified 'need to know' gangs and exploitation training on behalf of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board to partners across Kent and other counties
- provision of multi-agency Family Support Panels for young people, their siblings and parent/carers affected by gangs and other forms of exploitation