

# **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**

##### **Mark Pearson, Chief Executive Officer, Excelsior Safeguarding**

- Please introduce yourself and provide a brief outline of the roles and responsibilities of your post.
- Please explain the main reasons why young people may commit knife crimes.
- To what extent is early intervention effective in tackling knife crime?
- Please discuss “County Lines” and their impact in Kent. What can KCC do, in your view, to help tackle this issue?
- What are the most effective initiatives and strategies that can be implemented to deal with 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?