

By the end of this Conference

You will be up to date on the latest recommendations, proposals and best practice, and able to revise current local strategies in order to improve their effectiveness towards preventing and dealing with knife and gun related crime and disorder

Target Audience

- **Local Government**
 - Elected Members
 - Policy Officers
 - Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour officers
- **Police Authorities and Police Services**
 - Authority Members
 - Chief Officers and BCU Commanders
 - Youth Liaison, Violent Crime and Crime Reduction
 - Safer Neighbourhood officers and Community Safety staff
- **CDRPs and other relevant Partnerships**
- **Children and Young People's Services**
 - Children's Services and Youth Services
 - Local Safeguarding Children Boards
 - Youth Offending Teams
 - Schools, Education Welfare and Behaviour Support
- **Primary Care Trusts, A&E doctors and nurses**
- **Offender Management Service**
- **Third Sector organisations**
- **Magistrates and Crown Prosecution Service**

Programme

- 08.30 – 09.30 **Registration, coffee and tea**
- 09.30 – 09.45 **Welcome and introduction by chair**
Lord Harris of Haringey,
Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary
Group on Policing

09.45 – 10.10
Knife Crime – The recommendations
The Home Affairs Committee Report

Keith Vaz MP,
Chair of the Home Affairs Committee, HoC

- Offender profile, causes, public perception – the true evidence
- The recommendations and implications to education, parents, community, health, police, sentencers, YOTs etc.
- Issues on legislation – penalties and sentencing

10.10 – 10.30
Weapons amongst young people
Building on the research evidence

Dr Marian FitzGerald, Visiting Research Professor,
Kent Criminal Justice Centre

- The problem nature, prevalence, gang culture, other social drivers and dynamics – the evidence
- The risk of demonising young people
- Working with the parents
- Education and prevention: what works and what doesn't
- Policy implications of the Committee recommendations

10.30 – 10.50

Co-ordinated action against knife and Gun crime: An Update and Next Steps

Chris Hayes,
Regional Director, Government Office for London

- The national framework and work across departments
- Compiling accurate statistics and monitoring policy impact
- Balancing enforcement with prevention initiatives
- TKAP, Stop & Search, amnesties and sentences
- CDRPs work, Third Sector's role, funding and diversion

10.50 – 11.10

The recommendations - Time for Action

James Cleverly, Ambassador for young people in
London, Greater London Authority

- Prevention - increasing young people's activities, making the best use of PCSOs, ASBOs and contracts
- Partnerships and strategies for action
- Mechanisms to support community engagement
- Connecting with diverse and 'hard to reach' communities
- Enabling clear communications between police, local authorities and community agencies
- Priority areas, current and proposed work

11.10 – 11.30 **Discussion Session**

11.30 – 12.00 **Tea and coffee break**

12.00 – 12.15

The Youth Justice Board Perspective

Current and future interventions

Speaker To Be Confirmed, Youth Justice Board

- Youth Surveys - evidence that requires action
- Interventions for the offenders, those at risk of offending and those ready to reform
- Partnership Initiatives: ACPO (Toolkit Pilots); DfCSF, CDRPs, Primary Care Trusts and Local Authorities
- Update on: Toolkit Pilots, Knife Possession Prevention Programme and on the Youth Inclusion Programmes
- Parenting interventions – working with the parents

12.15 – 12.30

Doctors attending to the injured

The hospital's trauma team perspective

Dr Ben Teasdale, Emergency Medicine Consultant
Homerton Hospital, London

- Street weapons: the injuries, the true scale and real statistics, confidentiality, the need for education, etc.
- Police at the hospital – the issues
- Issues for the NHS: training for A&E and surgeons, decanting out existing experience, specialised trauma services, etc.

12.30 – 12.45

Policing knives and guns

Senior Chief Police Officer (Name TBC)
Metropolitan Police Service

- Lessons from police operations
- Priorities for national co-ordination
- Re-assurance: working with CDRPs, neighbourhood policing teams, gathering intelligence and evidence
- Breaking down barriers with young people
- Enforcement, Stop & Search, anti-knife patrols, metal detectors, amnesties – Do they work?

Knives and Guns in our communities!

on Tuesday 2 June 2009, at Conference Centre, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London

12.45 – 13.00

The Legal Perspective

Building up the case

Ms Nicola Stell, Chair of the Sentencing Policy and Practice Committee, Magistrates Association

- Evidence that stands up to scrutiny
- Key issues for prosecution and sentencing
- Vulnerable witnesses and Witness protection
- Sentencing people found in possession of a weapon or found guilty of using a weapon

13.00 – 13.15

Discussion Session

13.15 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 14.45

Forums Session 1

14.45 – 15.30

Forums Session 2

15.30 – 15.45

Tea and coffee break

15.45 – 16.30

Forums Session 3

16.30 – 17.00

Closing Plenary Session

On the Discussion Forums featuring Case Studies

All Discussion Forums are repeated three times so that delegates can attend any three of the six Forums.

- *Explore the practical lessons from projects in different parts of the country in order to identify revised ways of tackling knife and weapon crime.*
- *Explore best ways of engaging and empowering communities and targeting and working with young people at risk, parents and schools.*
- *Assess the effectiveness of different approaches to prevention, awareness raising and diversion.*
- *Examine new approaches to reducing knife enabled crime and armed criminality and discuss key issues around intelligence gathering, stop & search and enforcement.*
- Allow delegates to revise current strategies in order to improve their effectiveness within the national and local context.

Discussion Forum 1 Formulating the Strategy

Facilitated by **Dr Marian Fitzgerald** and **John Birkenshaw**, Crime Reduction Manager, Leeds Community Safety Partnership, Weapons Awareness Programme, Leeds

- The relationship between national and local strategies
- Developing the strategy – evidence base, targets, ownership, timescales, priorities and other strategies
- Balancing enforcement, education, prevention and diversion
- Engaging all key partners, key areas for monitoring, accountability, audit and continuous improvement

Discussion Forum 2

Prevention, Enforcement and Prosecution

The shared Agenda

Facilitated by **Lord Harris of Haringey** and **Detective Chief Supt. John Carnochan**, Head, Violence Reduction Unit, Strathclyde Police

- The Public Health Perspective
- Understanding the landscape, working with parents, schools, A&E and other partners
- Mandatory sentencing and mandatory interventions
- Primary prevention and winning community support for enforcement
- Intelligence and stop and search
- Ensuring successful prosecution and the role of sentencers

Discussion Forum 3

Prevention and diversion

Facilitated by **Kirk Dawes** QPM, West Midlands Mediation and Transformation Services

- Community based initiatives
- Local provision of appropriate youth services
- Role of local retailers, trading standards
- Mediation and conflict resolution
- Prevention of re-offending

Discussion Forum 4

From Strategy to Action

Southwark is at the cutting edge of prevention & intervention

Facilitated by **Jonathon Toy**, Head of Community Safety and Enforcement, Southwark LBC

- Context setting and cross boundary issues
- Making the most of local resources and funding opportunities
- Effective intervention programmes with families, parents, voluntary groups and faith groups
- Continuous liaison amongst CDRPs, neighbourhood teams, YOTs and retailers
- On going local consultation and improving public information

Discussion Forum 5

Achieving true engagement - Actions for YOTs and Partners

Facilitators to be confirmed

- Understanding young people's fears and concerns
- An active role for schools, families and parents
- Assessing the risk level and applying the right interventions
- Liaison between education, YOTs and Police
- Getting messages across including: the role of the media, community and youth networks

Discussion Forum 6

Stop and Search - A wide strategic approach

Facilitated by **Chief Supt. Tom Coughlan**, West Midlands Police and a CDRP representative

- An element of prevention
- Dealing with the offence **and** providing mediation and other interventions
- Informing and engaging social care, education, faith groups, etc.
- Accountability, monitoring, and assessing impacts
- The enforcement element: detectors, amnesties – Do they work?

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