

Evidence Session: Public Health, Mental Health and Youth Violence

Monday 11th December
 11.00am-1.30pm
 Wilson Room, Portcullis House

Chair's Welcome (Vicky Foxcroft MP) and introductions	
Group 1: The Public Health model for addressing violence	
Karyn McCluskey	Former Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, leading a public health approach to reducing violence in Scotland. Currently Chief Executive of Community Justice Scotland.
Mark Bellis	Director of Policy, Research and International Development for Public Health Wales, and the UK Focal Point to the World Health Organization for Violence and Injury Prevention.
Mathew Shaer	West Midlands Police Superintendent responsible for Birmingham West and Co-Chair of the Strategic Board responding to guns, gangs and organised criminality.
Group 2: NHS, intervention and frontline workers	
Dr Duncan Bew	Consultant Trauma Surgeon at Kings Hospital and Co-Founder of Growing Against Violence, a public health programme delivering preventative education sessions aimed at reducing youth violence.
Dr Emer Sutherland	Emergency Medicine Consultant at Kings Hospital leading on child safeguarding for the emergency department and the violence prevention strategy.
John Poyton	Chief Executive of Redthread, a charity that supports young people break the cycle of violence through its work in A&Es and innovative health and education programmes.
Group 3: Mental health, trauma and youth violence	
Sinem Cakir	Chief Executive of MAC-UK, a charity that has been taking mental health to the streets since 2008 to transform mental health services for excluded young people.
Jamel Fraser	Youth Consultant at MAC-UK who has worked in the sector for 4 years, combining professional insights with lived experiences of violent crime and the criminal justice system.
Alika Agidi-Jeffs	Alika has worked with Rethink Mental Illness to change the stigma around mental health and describes himself as a humanitarian who believes in people being individuals and reaching their potential.
John Sutherland	Chief Superintendent based at Scotland Yard and previously Borough Commander at Southwark and Camden. Author of <i>Blue: A Memoir – Keeping the Peace and Falling to Pieces</i>
Discussion and closing statements from panel interviewers	