Public Health Approaches to Violence Prevention

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Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA

A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

This seminar focuses on the effective interventions which the health sector can contribute to violence prevention, especially those flowing from the discovery that a great deal of violence which leads to medical treatment is not known to the police. These interventions, which have been taken up by successive UK governments and the World Health Organisation, will be described in the context of legislative changes which have also come about as a result of research discoveries across public services.

Jonathan Shepherd is Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and directs the Violence and Society Research Group which won the University a 2009 Queen's Prize in Higher Education. He led the development of a prototype community safety partnership used as a model in the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act which mandated the creation of such partnerships across Great Britain. He initiated and developed the pioneering Universities’ Police Science Institute in Wales, the information sharing "Cardiff Model" for violence prevention, and a comprehensive care pathway for people harmed by violence. His proposal in 2008 for an independent professional body for policing was taken up by government and the new College of Policing was launched in 2013 underpinned by primary legislation.

He was instrumental in setting up the new Probation Institute. His research prompted the historic first National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) technology appraisal and guidance in 2000. He won the 2008 Stockholm Criminology Prize. He initiated and convened the 2013 professions summit on evidence chaired by Lord O'Donnell. Since 2004 he has been a member of the UK government's alcohol strategy group. He is a member of the Cabinet Office What Works Council and of the Home Office Science Advisory Council.

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