

Gang Violence and Exploitation: Ensuring an Effective Local Response

[The Studio, 51 Lever Street, Manchester, M1 1FN](#) | Tuesday 23 January 2018

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

11.05 **Morning Session: Developing your strategy to combat violence & exploitation**

- Understanding the national picture and Government action on gangs
- County lines: tackling gang activity outside of urban areas
- Working in partnership to build robust structures and safeguard vulnerable young people
- Understanding and confronting the link between gangs and runaway/missing children
- Using gang injunctions and other measures to prevent violence and disrupt gangs
- Effective collection of gang data and using data to support your strategy
- What are local authorities doing to successfully combat gangs?

⇒ **Ann Coffey MP**, Chair, APPG for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults

⇒ **Bob Smith**, HM Inspector of Probation

⇒ **Sarah Castro MBE**, Director of Development and External Affairs, Safer London

⇒ **Rachel Fung**, Solicitor Advocate, Lancashire Constabulary

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Good practice examples and first-hand experiences**

- Learning from success: What works in tackling gangs?
- Developing a joined-up approach across local agencies
- Examples of effective partnership working

⇒ **A mother's story**: experience of the effects of gang violence and exploitation (name withheld)

⇒ **Joanna Hunt**, Area Manager & **Richard Brown**, Service Manager, The Children's Society - Greater Manchester

⇒ **Sally Nash**, Head of Service, Youth Offending Team, Wolverhampton City Council

15.30 Event Close

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