

**Safer Smarter Cities: Cardiff Model 20th Anniversary Event,  
21 June 2017, City Hall**

### **Background**

1. The Council and Cardiff University's Crime & Security Research Institute (CSRI) are hosting an event to celebrate 20 years of pioneering work that has seen a significant reduction in levels of violent crime. The event invite can be found attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **Cardiff Model**

2. In 1996, Professor Jonathan Shepherd set up the Cardiff Violence Prevention Group; a collaboration between Cardiff Council, South Wales Police, the Cardiff Health Board, the judiciary, Victim Support and Cardiff University which proved to be the prototype UK Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
3. The Group developed the Cardiff model, which introduced new strategies for preventing violent crime, particularly alcohol related crime, based on the sharing of Accident & Emergency data with the police and local authorities.
4. Credited with achieving a "significant and enduring reduction in serious violence" in Cardiff, the number of victims of violence treated in Cardiff Emergency Departments halved between 2002 and 2013. There was also a 32% drop in aggravated assaults and a 42% fall in hospital admissions relative to similar UK cities where the Model had not been implemented.
5. The Model has been adopted by successive UK governments since 2008, has been recognised by the World Health Organisation and has been implemented in the US, Australia, South Africa and the Netherlands.

### **Event Programme**

6. As well as celebrating achievements, the event will present plans for future applications of the Cardiff Model and the use of new sources of data to further improve city safety.
7. Guests will include leading academics, practitioners and policy makers in the fields of public health, community safety, policing and technology.
8. Confirmed speakers include:
  - Professor Jonathan Shepherd (Associate Dean of Innovation, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Co-Director of Crime & Security Research Institute, Cardiff University).
  - Dr Steven Sumner (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta)
  - Prof. Martin Innes (Director of Universities' Police Science Institute and Crime and Security Research Institute, Cardiff University)

- Prof. Alun Preece (Professor of Intelligent Systems, Co-director of Crime and Security Research Institute, Cardiff University)
- Dave Braines (CTO Emerging Technology, IBM UK)
- Dr Adam Edwards (Reader in Politics and Criminology, Cardiff University)

The event will be introduced by:

- Paul Orders (Chief Executive, Cardiff Council);
- Alun Michael (Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales); and

9. It is recommended that the appropriate staff are encouraged to attend from the Public Services Board.