

Children's Commissioner for England: Advisory Board Members

Dr Jacqueline Sebire

Jacqueline is the Assistant Chief Constable, for Bedfordshire Police. She joined Bedfordshire Police in February 2016 prior to this appointment the majority of her service was as a detective in homicide and serious crime investigations in the Metropolitan Police. She was the senior investigating officer for a number of high profile cases including the 'Spy in the bag' case and the conviction of Britain's youngest hit man. She has also served in the London Boroughs of Newham, Hackney and, prior to transferring to Bedfordshire, was the Temporary Borough Commander for Waltham Forest.

Jacqueline has a PhD in Forensic Psychology and in January 2016 was appointed a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge. She has published a number of articles in relation to domestic abuse and risk management and lectured nationally and internationally regarding her research. She is a member of the European Union Cooperation in Science and Technology Working Group on Femicide prevention. She has also advised the Police Service of Trinidad and Tobago on best practice in Homicide Investigation. In March 2019 was invited to speak at the United Nations, New York, Commission on the Status of Women regarding community cohesion and women's access to justice.

Jacqueline is the National Police Chief's Council Serious Violence Co-ordinator and has worked extensively with the Government regarding legislation change, funding and multiagency prevention strategies. Jacqueline has extensive media experience. She has been a co-host of the TV series "Born to Kill; A Class Of Their Own" and is the Bedfordshire Police lead for Garden Productions 24 hours in Police Custody Series.

Nick Bent

Nick is Co-Founder and CEO of The Tutor Trust, in his native Manchester. Nick has been involved with a number of educational and youth work charities for over 25 years. He is a Director of the academies charity Oasis Community Learning and was previously Chair of Governors at the Oasis Academy MediaCityUK in Salford. During 2017, Nick was a Clore Social Leadership Fellow.

An Associate of the think tank Demos, Nick spent seven years working in Westminster and Whitehall, including four years as a Special Adviser to Rt Hon Dame Tessa Jowell MP.

Nick has also served as Director of the think tank Policy Network and as a lay member of the General Assembly of the University of Manchester.

Bernie Brown

Bernie Brown is a qualified social worker of 30 years. Bernie is currently the Director of People in Bolton Council but has worked in a number of Local authorities across the UK and Scotland and spent 5 years working in New Zealand as a social worker and family therapist.

Bernie is an elected director on the board of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS).

Baroness Philippa Stroud

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Philippa Stroud is CEO of the Legatum Institute. Previously, she was Chief Executive of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), a think tank that she co-founded in 2004. Philippa's life and career to date have been strongly influenced by her passion to tackle poverty and social breakdown.

Prior to the CSJ, she was Special Adviser the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP (then Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) from 2010-15, and also to the Prime Minister from 2012. In these roles, she was responsible for the development of the Social Justice agenda, working on the Government's key Welfare Reform programme, the introduction of Universal Credit, the creation of Social Investment and the new child poverty measures.

Her early career was spent in the voluntary sector including spending time in Hong Kong and Macau working with heroin addicts and ex-members of triad gangs who were undergoing rehabilitation. On her return to the UK she founded and directed a four-stage project that supported people off the streets and into independent living before moving to Birmingham in 2000 where she became Executive Director of the Bridge Project, a voluntary sector project that provided supported accommodation for homeless men and women.

Following the 2015 UK General Election, Philippa was ennobled and became Baroness Stroud of Fulham.