

VIOLENT ATTACKS RUIN LIVES

“Violence is disfiguring, frightening, blights cities, disrupts health services and costs us a fortune.”

Professor Shepherd is the pioneer behind the Cardiff Model which has been developed to help reduce violent crime and save lives, with groundbreaking results.

Through the course of Professor Shepherd's work, it became clear that the majority (almost three-quarters) of those attending Emergency Departments (EDs), having been injured in violence, do not tell the police. Police knowledge of violence relies on crimes being reported.

Also known as Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV), the initiative relies on partnership working, data recording and information sharing to help identify hotspots for violence.

Professor Shepherd is clear that information sharing on its own does not prevent violence, saying: “It's the use of Cardiff Model (ISTV) data by community safety partnerships and local violence prevention boards which prevents violence. That's what the Cardiff Model is all about. On its own, sharing information achieves nothing.”

Adopted nationally and overseas, its positive impact and success is clear, which is why there is a fresh drive across the country to encourage greater uptake, coordinated by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) and supported by the Home Office.

The Cardiff Model (ISTV) relies on those with the responsibility, opportunity, and motivation to prevent violence working together - the health service, police, local authorities and other key agencies. Knowing where and when violence happens means that interventions can be put in place to maximum effect.



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“The reason I developed the Cardiff Model was the discovery in my PhD and in follow up studies that almost three-quarters of violence in England and Wales which results in emergency hospital treatment is not known to police.”

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