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## Professor Leisa Nichols-Drew **POINTING OUT' THE NEED FOR CHANGE -A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO KNIFE CRIME**

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In 2018, Leisa was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate international approaches for knife crime offences to aid the UK situation. She visited Australia and Canada to engage and exchange knowledge with police officers, forensic scientists, pathologists, scene investigators and researchers. Her proactive and reactive research recommendations resulted in a journal publication which concluded that less-lethal novel knives with rounded tips, do not penetrate clothing fabrics in a stabbing motion, therefore preventing the occurrence of severance damage (sharp force trauma) reducing the potential occurrence of injuries when compared to conventional pointed kitchen knives. This research was recognised with a research collaboration award in 2021. Leisa's Churchill Fellowship has been communicated around the world and has contributed to a United Nations Policy Brief (in alignment with the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals).

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