

MUM IS NICKED ON GIRL DEATH



Tragedy . . . Amelia, three Arrested . . . mum Carly

Tears for Amelia, 3

By PATRICK GYSIN

A MOTHER was yesterday being quizzed over the death of her daughter.

Amelia Harris, three, was found under a blanket in the garden. Police were treating her death as unexplained. They arrested mum Carly Harris, 37, shortly after the body was found at 10.20pm.

Amelia's father, who had split from Carly, arrived at the three-bed home in Trealew, Rhondda, later on Friday night.

A neighbour said: "Two fire engines arrived with flashing lights and sirens I could smell burning. "The police blocked off the street."

Roads in the former mining village remained closed yesterday. Forensic officers and fire teams examined the scene. Amelia was described as an "angelic" little girl who loved Peppa Pig.

A neighbour said: "She was a delight, always giggling and smiling. "She was just a normal happy toddler who was usually dressed in pink. "I'd see her out playing in the garden."

Friend Tyler Saunders wrote on Facebook: "My head hurts, perfect little girl was so loving kind and full of beans."

Another pal Karen Peris added: "Absolutely heartbroken. Amelia you was a sweet beautiful little girl. Like a little doll."

Amelia was being questioned at Merthyr police station. patrick.gysin@the-sun.co.uk

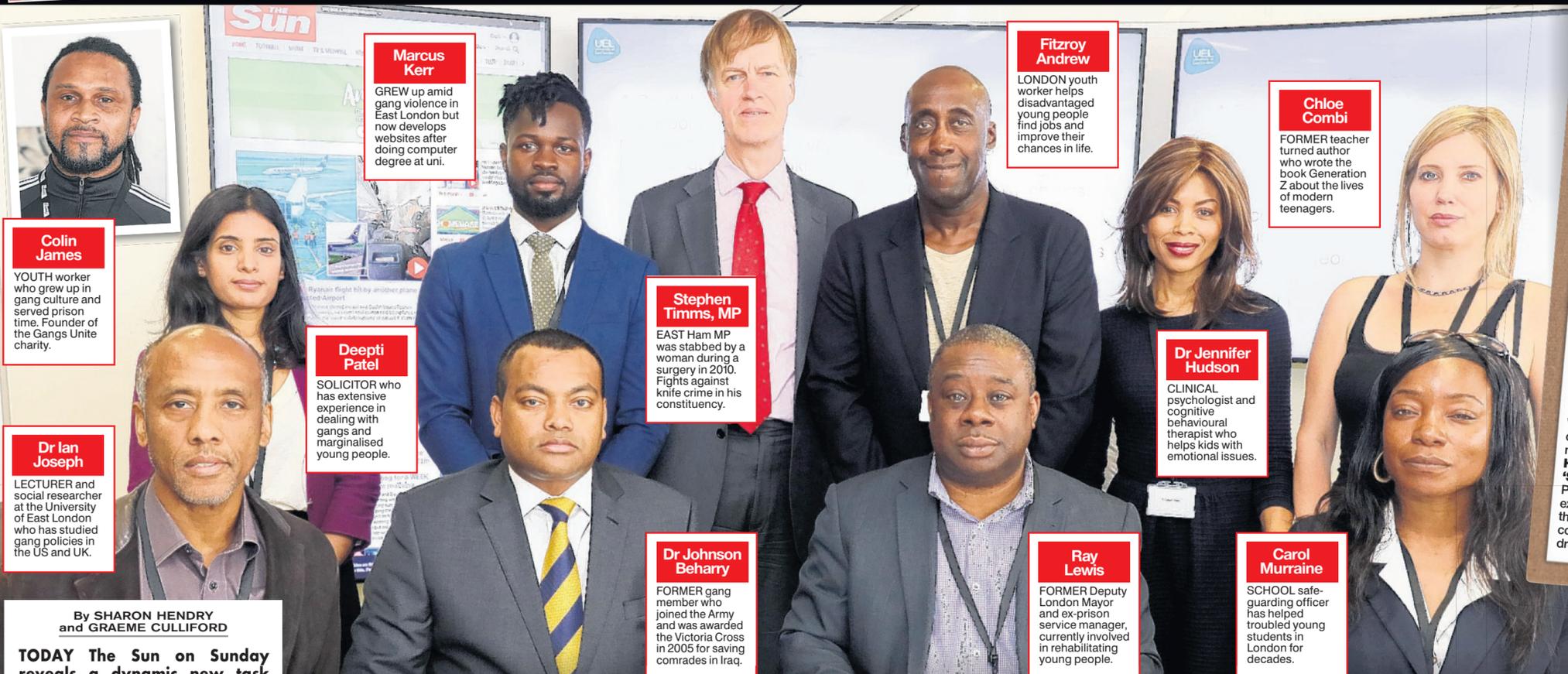
FLATPACK A&E

NEW flat-pack casualty units, operating theatres and maternity wards are set to be approved by NHS bosses.

Ministers claim the off-the-shelf designs are quicker and cheaper than building hospitals from scratch. A £3.5billion fund has been set aside for pre-fabs — and 21 construction firms have so far signed up to the scheme, which aims to build the equivalent of one hospital a year. But Saffron Cordery, of hospitals' group NHS Providers, told The Times: "They will need to suit their specific circumstances."



PANEL CALL FOR NEW TACTICS TO END KILLINGS



Colin James
YOUTH worker who grew up in gang culture and served prison time. Founder of the Gangs Unite charity.

Marcus Kerr
GREW up amid gang violence in East London but now develops websites after doing computer degree at uni.

Stephen Timms, MP
EAST Ham MP was stabbed by a woman during a surgery in 2010. Fights against knife crime in his constituency.

Fitzroy Andrew
LONDON youth worker helps disadvantaged young people find jobs and improve their chances in life.

Chloe Combi
FORMER teacher turned author who wrote the book Generation Z about the lives of modern teenagers.

Dr Jennifer Hudson
CLINICAL psychologist and cognitive behavioural therapist who helps kids with emotional issues.

Dr Ian Joseph
LECTURER and social researcher at the University of East London who has studied gang policies in the US and UK.

Deepti Patel
SOLICITOR who has extensive experience in dealing with gangs and marginalised young people.

Dr Johnson Behary
FORMER gang member who joined the Army and was awarded the Victoria Cross in 2005 for saving comrades in Iraq.

Ray Lewis
FORMER Deputy London Mayor and ex-prison service manager, currently involved in rehabilitating young people.

Carol Murraine
SCHOOL safeguarding officer has helped troubled young students in London for decades.

Meet our knife crime task force

By SHARON HENDRY and GRAEME CULLIFORD

TODAY The Sun on Sunday reveals a dynamic new task force to tackle Britain's knife crime epidemic.

For too long, politicians and the authorities have ignored Britain's poorest young people growing up on estates in the grip of the drugs trade. And for too long academics have been commissioned to write endless papers about the problem of youth violence for a succession of committees to debate.

Meanwhile, children are dying in increasingly violent turf wars. London now has a higher murder rate than New York, with more than 60 killings so far this year. More than 40 have been as a result of stabbings.

But knife crime has also recently led to the deaths of a 17-year-old boy in Ipswich and of 15-year-olds in Sheffield and Wolverhampton. Northampton has also been affected, with the death of a 17-year-old boy last month.

Experts believe a booming drugs market is fuelling much of the violence and have highlighted the middle-class appetite for cocaine as a factor.

The Government's strategies are no more than frayed sticking plasters, unable to heal increasingly horrendous wounds.

So as part of our Beat The Blades campaign, we sought out a respected panel of youth workers, psychologists, MPs, community leaders and school safeguarding officers. All work on the front line in Britain's most deprived areas.

We asked the panel to debate a simple question: *What will stop the killing?* Their insight into the lives of some of our most disadvantaged young people offers solutions that cannot be ignored.

Opening the first of a series of meetings at The Sun on Sunday's offices in London, panel chairman Ray Lewis, of London's Eastside Young Leaders Academy, said: "The children we are here to talk about today are all of our children, society's children. We have to bear in mind that growing up in hell does not lead to angelic behaviour."

East Ham Labour MP Stephen Timms remained loyal to his London constituency after being stabbed by an Islamic fundamentalist in 2010.

He said: "We have to persuade young people there is a future for them. Job-centres are currently more associated with

taking away benefits than helping people find jobs and we are seeing deep impacts from austerity.

"Four million children are living below the poverty line and that is set to rise to five million in the early 2020s."

Social researcher Dr Ian Joseph said government policies to combat gang crime have repeatedly failed, despite a summit in Downing Street following the murders of Letisha Shakespeare, 17, and 18-year-old Charlene Ellis in Birmingham in 2003.

Dr Joseph said: "They have not got to the root of the issue, they are just sniping at the branches. I shy away from young people's funerals now because I can't take the tears any more.

"We need a counter-narrative which shifts the focus from knocking youngsters as the instigators of violence. "They are victims of social issues. We

need to get away from the top-down approach and start looking at a bottom-up approach.

"Some of the best interventions I have seen have been by micro enterprises from community groups in local areas."

Former gang member turned mediator Colin James, of Gangs Unite, runs one such enterprise. He said: "It's not gang culture, it's youth culture. They use the knife, it's how they fight. You need a change of mindset, to see life from their perspective. They feel isolated from the community. It's like they are living in a virtual reality game.

"Opening youth centres would be a waste of money. Where I live the young people are going to run that youth centre and not allow other people in.

Safeguarding officer Carol Murraine has worked in tough inner-city schools for decades. She said: "Schools expel quite quickly those that don't fit into a box. They readily send kids to pupil referral units but

this is where you can find gangs. If you've already been condemned at the age of 13, then a gang might be the only place where you can find opportunity, where you can feel safe."

Iraq war hero Dr Johnson Behary VC escaped gangs by joining the Army. Through his JBVC Foundation, he is helping young offenders stay off the streets.

He said: "The right approach is getting to know the person, what drives them to that path and trying to get them away from it towards something positive. The turning point for me was when I spoke to my grandmother in Grenada and she said, 'I'm hungry'."

"I wanted to help but I couldn't send her money because I knew where that money came from. I just decided to follow a different path.

The home can be so broken you have to work on fixing it before you can take on the individual. I would like to ask the new Home Secretary to come down and talk to the kids."

Youth worker Fitzroy Andrew said: "It's about investing in enterprises and giving young people an option that can work."

Solicitor Deepti Patel agreed that police tactics are failing and added: "We hear stop and search is the solution but we never get to this word that is so important: Poverty. "Why are children arming up and why is this social violence spreading? To get to the nub of it is to talk about the criminalisation of poverty."

Youth culture author Chloe Combi addressed the role of social media. She said: "It is not the cause of

violence, but it is the cause of trigger points for people not getting on well and leads to violence."

Web developer Marcus Kerr grew up on the fringes of gang culture in East London before getting a scholarship to Rugby School.

He said: "When young people don't have money or opportunities and the easiest way to get them is through crime, that is the path they will take. "In these environments there is talent but no opportunity. We need to offer young people apprenticeships, not prison sentences."

Clinical psychologist Dr Jennifer Hudson agreed, pointing out that the teenage brain is wired for risk and would not register the threat of a prison sentence as a deterrent.

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WHAT OUR TASK FORCE DEMANDS

- BAN ONLINE ZOMBIE KNIFE SALES:** Make it harder to access these lethal weapons by looking at legislation that makes bespoke deliveries illegal.
- SPORTS: CHAMPION COMMUNITY:** Team sports can heal divisions in communities, bring rival gangs together and instil individual discipline.
- SPECIALLY TRAINED SCHOOL BOBBIES:** Recruit officers for permanent positions in schools. They would be trained in a new approach with young people.
- CRACKDOWN ON MIDDLE-CLASS DRUG USE:** Wealthy, professional drug users are fuelling the market for Class A drugs.
- HELP CHILD DRUG-DEAL 'SLAVES':** Police should focus as much on child exploitation and modern slavery as they do criminal activity when it comes to very young people dragged into dealing.



Beauty . . . Eunice

Very first Bond girl Eunice is dead, 90

By ADAM BENNETT

ORIGINAL Bond girl Eunice Gayson has died at the age of 90.

As James Bond's girlfriend Sylvia Trench in Dr No in 1962 and From Russia With Love a year later she was first in a long line of 007 beauties.

She also helped Sean Connery with his famous Bond catchphrase.

"He had to say Bond, James Bond, but he came out with other permutations like Sean Bond, James Connery," she said.

He said it perfectly after she took him for a drink.

Eunice was also in The Revenge of Frankenstein in 1958 and on TV in The Saint and The Avengers.

Her daughter Kate was later an extra in the 1995 Bond film Goldeneye.

The 007 producers yesterday paid tribute to "our very first Bond girl".

'Priest' in £1m con

A FAKE priest has been caught with £1million of heroin hidden in luggage.

The man was dressed in a dog collar and wearing a large crucifix to pass himself off as a Catholic cleric.

But customs officials at Rome airport became suspicious of his nervousness and searched him.

The conman threatened to "excommunicate" Italian cops who found 3kg of pure heroin.

Police said he claimed to be American but was Nigerian and had arrived from Mozambique.

WORLD CUP FUNNIES
ZAIRE defender Mwepu Ilunga kicked the ball away during a free kick v Brazil in 1974 — even though it was Brazil's free kick.

Head has to grovel

A SCHOOL head had to apologise after allowing only children with a full attendance record to take part in a dress-down day.

Amanda Stevenson was slated by some parents for "humiliating" those who had been off sick.

The acting head of Staplehurst primary school in Kent wrote a grovelling letter saying sorry for causing "some upset".

But one anonymous teacher posted on social media: "Why are we creating a culture where kids can't lose at anything?"