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IAPSS SEMINAR

From Research to Impact: Building Government Relationships to make a difference

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SUMMARY

Overview

This webinar featured Dr Peter Neyroud (CBE QPM), who shared insights from his distinguished career in policing research and policymaking. He highlighted the importance of building strong partnerships and face-to-face meetings in shaping research priorities and translating findings into policy. He discussed challenges in funding international crime research (particularly UK funds allocated abroad), audits, inconsistent publication practices, and shifting priorities, all of which required adaptability and strong relationships to sustain long-term research. Despite these hurdles, he spoke to many international successes, including Campbell's synthesis of findings and policy reviews, which have been crucial for decision-makers. Dr Neyroud ended on an optimistic note, emphasising the role of fostering early-career researchers (ECRs) and the goal of ensuring high-quality research remains accessible to inform global policy.

Key Takeaways

- **Early Reviewer Input:** Direct, in-person discussions with reviewers early in the research process helps policymakers engage with the findings in a timely manner.
- **Research to Practice:** Phrasing like "*modest gains*" can downplay significant crime reductions, so research should be communicated in clearer, policy-relevant terms.
- **Evidence Mapping:** Evidence gap maps are a valuable tool for identifying under-researched policy areas.
- **Research Resilience**: Strong international relationships will sustain long-term research efforts, despite shifting government priorities.

Resources

Find out more about Peter's work here.

From the Campbell online library:

- The Hot-Spot Review
- Stress Management in Police Officers Review

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