

PROFESSOR PAUL SENIOR BIOGRAPHY

Professor Paul Senior is Director of the Hallam Centre for Community Justice at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK. Paul has been involved in probation practice and policy, professional education and research for over 35 years. His professional background is in the Probation Service where he worked heavily in the youth offending field, with courts, with the legal professions. prison resettlement, restorative justice and with the voluntary and community sector. Paul Senior became Professor of Probation Studies in 1996 following a career in probation from 1977 to 1994, which included 11 years as a joint appointment between South Yorkshire Probation and Sheffield Hallam University. He was co-editor of the three-volume, fifth edition, of *Jarvis: Probation Service Manual* from 1992. Between 1995 and 2001 he also worked as a freelance consultant working on many projects with the Home Office, Community Justice National Training Organization, CCETSW, Skills for Justice, and other national organisations. Whilst in this role, Paul's extensive engagement in probation training secured, in 1997, a key role in its revision, creating the structure and curriculum for the new, graduate level, Diploma in Probation Studies. Professor Senior is in a unique position of being both policy developer and involved in implementation of policy. More recently Paul has worked on European projects and internationally in Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand. Consultancy projects in Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore include a focus on resettlement, integrated offender management, desistance, payment by results and restorative justice. In conjunction with SCOPE, City University of Hong Kong. Paul has published widely on the probation service, resettlement, training and staff development, the Voluntary and Community Sector and on criminal justice policy making. He has published three books recently on *Understanding Modernisation in Criminal Justice* (with C Crowther-Dowey and M Long) 2007), *Moments in Probation* (2008) and co-edited (with Cowburn, Robinson and Duggan) *Values, Criminology and Community Justice* (2013). Paul co-edits an international journal launched in 2002 - the *British Journal of Community Justice* and runs the information exchange website – the Community Justice Portal (www.cjp.org.uk) as well as being an active contract researcher specialising in resettlement, community and restorative justice, reducing re-offending strategies, integrated offender management, the role of the voluntary and community sector, unemployment and offenders and community re-entry of offenders. With colleagues he wrote a research report on the *Process Evaluation of Five Integrated Offender Management Pioneer Areas* Home Office/MoJ Research Series 4/11 published in May 2011. Since that time the Centre has undertaken a range of research and evaluation on IOM in a variety of settings.