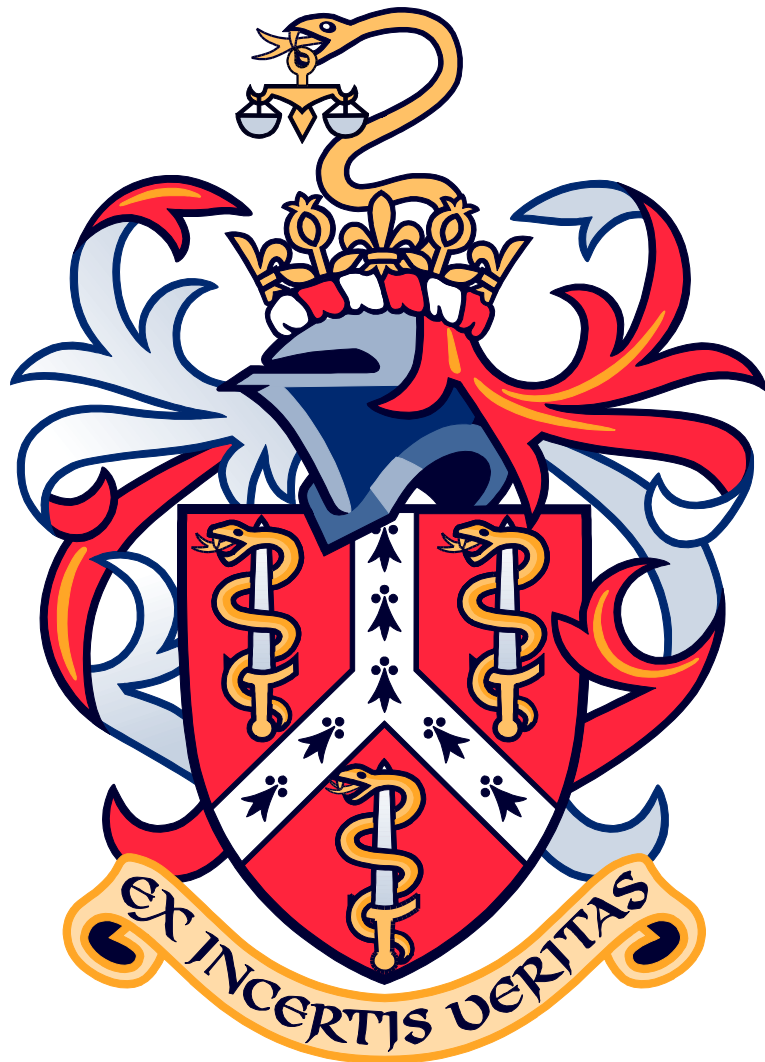


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

Virtual Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Day



Saturday 25 February 2023

Zoom

Programme

- 09:50 – 10:00 ***Introduction to the Day***
- 10:00 – 10:45 ***Screening for Mental Disorder***
Dr Helena Thornton, Forensic Physician and FFLM Registrar
- 10:45 – 11:30 ***Assessment of ASD/Neurodiversity in Detainees***
Professor Rajan (Taj) Nathan, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist & Director of Research, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
- 11:30 – 11:50 ***Break***
- 11:50 – 12:30 ***Update on Acute Behavioural Disturbance***
Professor Keith Rix, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, FFLM Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Lead
- 12:30 – 13:00 ***De-escalation***
Professor Keith Rix, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, FFLM Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Lead
- 13:00 – 13:10 ***Questions and Closing Comments***

All details in this programme are subject to alteration without notice

Speakers / Chairs

Dr Helena Thornton



Forensic Physician and Registrar, FFLM

Screening for Mental Disorder

I qualified at Birmingham University in 1978, and moved to Manchester in 1980, and joined General Practice as a principal in 1981.

In 1995 I responded to an invitation to find out more about St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, became inspired by Dr Raine Roberts and Dr Vicky Evans, and joined the team. I have worked there ever since. I retired from General Practice in 2017, but continue to work at St Mary's Centre.

I took the Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence in 1999, and was a Founder Member of the Faculty. I was an examiner for the DFCASA (Diploma in Forensic and Clinical aspects of sexual assault), run with the Society of Apothecaries, and then became an examiner for the FFLM exams in 2008. I was the Chief Examiner from 2013 to 2018, and became the Registrar in May 2020. I am involved in teaching and training in Manchester.

I am passionate about providing excellent care to complainants of sexual assaults of all ages, and about maintaining standards in forensic medicine generally.

I live in Saddleworth with my husband and three very spoilt cats, and when not working I am learning to play the saxophone.

Speakers / Chairs

Professor Rajan (Taj) Nathan



Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist & Director of Research, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership

Assessment of ASD/Neurodiversity in Detainees

Professor Nathan is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Director of Research (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust), Honorary Senior Research Fellow (University of Liverpool), Visiting Professor (University of Chester), Adjunct Professor (Liverpool John Moores University), and CRN-NWC Clinical Lead and Mental Health Specialty Lead (National Institute for Health Research).

Professor Nathan has extensive experience of working in a wide variety of forensic and non-forensic mental health settings, particularly in the context of complex mental health problems, personality disorder and autism spectrum disorder.

As well as his day-to-day clinical work, he has provided advice on cases across a national footprint and has contributed to national policy initiatives. Professor Nathan has undertaken postgraduate study at the Universities of Oxford, Liverpool and Leeds and he has conducted research including in the areas of standardized assessments, personality disorder, violence, clinical decision-making and risk.

Professor Nathan is also regularly called to provide independent expert opinion to courts across the country. More recently he has been involved in the public dissemination of forensic psychiatric topics, with the release of his book (Dangerous Minds: A Forensic Psychiatrist's Quest to Understand Violence, 2021), publication of his work in The Guardian and The Spectator, and radio/TV documentary work.

Speakers / Chairs

Professor Keith Rix



Visiting Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of Chester, and Honorary Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Update on Acute Behavioural Disturbance De-escalation

Keith Rix's involvement in the forensic field began in the 1960's when he lived in hostels in London with ex-offenders and assessed prisoners for hostel admission. Whilst a senior lecturer in psychiatry in Leeds he became a visiting consultant psychiatrist at HM Prison, Leeds, and established the Leeds Magistrates' Court Mental Health Assessment and Diversion Scheme and the city's forensic psychiatry service. He has provided expert evidence to courts and tribunals for almost 40 years, including on a pro bono basis in capital cases in the Caribbean and Africa. He is the editor of A Handbook for Trainee Psychiatrists and co-editor of Rix's Expert Psychiatric Evidence. He is Visiting Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of Chester, Honorary Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Lead, Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

Delegates

Dr	Bernadette	Butler	Fellow
	Jessica	Baker	
Dr	Anjan Kumar	Banerjee	Affiliate
Dr	Maria	Carter	Affiliate
Dr	Tanya	Claxton	Fellow
Dr	Wendy	Gray	Foundation Member
Dr	Krishna	Patel	
Dr	Angela	Peel-White	Affiliate
Dr	Vladislav	Podlipskij	Affiliate
Ms	Ann	Rouse	Nurse Affiliate
Dr	Leanne	Tee	Fellow
Dr	Magdalena	Turowska	Affiliate

Upcoming Events

FFLM Webinars – The Institute for Addressing Strangulation

Monday 27 February 2023 at 19:00

The FFLM, in partnership with SafeLives and Bangor University, has received funding from the Home Office to establish a new Institute for Addressing Strangulation (IFAS).

IFAS will be focused on addressing strangulation by:

- Reducing the incidence of strangulation and suffocation in the UK;
- Establishing best practices for the management of victims and their families and perpetrators;
- Raising awareness of the dangers, providing training and resources regarding management & prevention, and supporting associated research;
- Working with Policy makers and commissioners to maximise the capacity and expertise required to enhance victim safety.

Dr Cath White, Medical Director of IFAS, will be presenting a webinar on the establishment of the Institute on **Monday 27 February 2023 at 19:00**.

This is free to attend - [click here](#) to register.

Virtual Adult Safeguarding Day

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Join the FFLM for its Second Virtual Adult Safeguarding Day! This course is free for those working in the NHS and for FFLM members to attend.

Topics for the day include the inherent jurisdiction, a pathologist's view on Adult Safeguarding and Domestic Homicide and Adults at Risk of Harm.

To view the full programme and to book your place, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events



Institute For
Addressing
Strangulation

Non-Fatal Strangulation Clinical Training Event

Guiding Clinicians through the best practice in providing medical care to those who have experienced NFS

Date: Tuesday 21st March, 2023

Location: Virtual and in person at Midland Hotel, Manchester

Time: 9am- 5pm

Partnered with:



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The [Non-Fatal Strangulation Clinical Training Event](#) by the Institute for Addressing Strangulation will explore the signs and symptoms of strangulation, the effects of strangulation on the brain, forensic and medical management and provision of best evidence for the court process.

[Click here](#) for the full agenda and to sign up to either the in-person or virtual event. There is a small fee to attend either in person or remotely. For the in-person event, refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please do specify if you have any dietary requirements when you sign up along with any accessibility requirements.

All details in this programme are subject to alteration without notice.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, then please contact us at contact@ifas.org.uk.

Upcoming Events



Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine 16th Annual Conference

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May 2023
Principal Hotel, York



Our 16th Annual Conference will take place at the Principal Hotel in York as a hybrid face-to-face/virtual conference and will include a range of expert speakers, as well as the Annual General Meeting, David Jenkins Lecture and Gala Dinner. The theme for 2023 is “The 3 Rs – Risk, Regulation and Research in Forensic and Legal Medicine”.

Confirmed Speakers include:

- Michelle Gaskell, Quality Specialist, NPCC Forensic Capability Network
 - Professor Andrew Harris, HM Senior Coroner, London Inner South
- Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris, Head of Office, Forensic Science Regulator
 - Professor Taj Nathan, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist
 - Dr Cath White OBE, Medical Director, Institute for Addressing Strangulation
- Elizabeth Jenkins, Assistant Director of Legal Team, GMC

You can view the provisional programme [here](#).

Early bird fees will be available until midnight on Friday 10 March 2023.

For more information and to book, please [click here](#).



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