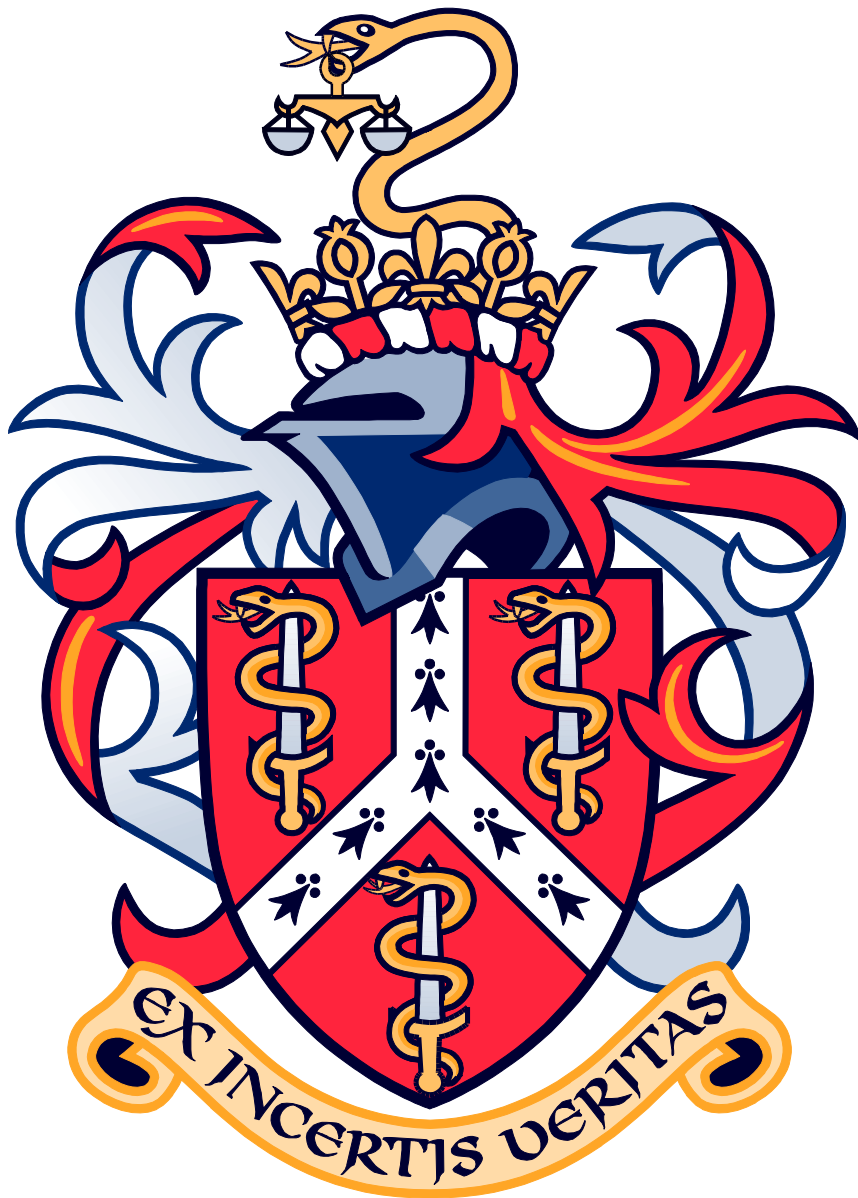


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

# Virtual Adult Safeguarding Day



**Tuesday 16 April 2024**

Microsoft Teams

# Welcome

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Welcome to our third Adult Safeguarding meeting. After the success of our previous two meetings, we are delighted to be able to run this day again.

You will see from the meeting booklet that we have an excellent programme to look forward to. We thank our speakers enormously for giving up their time to support the FFLM.

We do hope that you enjoy the meeting and find it informative. The FFLM always welcomes constructive feedback on its events: we will circulate a feedback form at the end of the day. We hope you will take the opportunity to complete this form, so we can best address future needs. We also welcome suggestions for topics and speakers for future meetings.

With best wishes

Dr Elisabeth Alton and Prof Margaret Stark  
Course Organisers

# Programme

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*Morning session chaired by Prof Margaret Stark*

- 09:50 – 10:00    **Introduction**
- 10:00 – 10:45    **Tag, you're it: Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults**  
Brett Davies, Barrister, Spire Barristers
- 10:45 – 11:30    **The Role of the Appropriate Adult**  
Grev Wallington, Effective Practice Manager, The National Appropriate Adult Network
- 11:30 – 11:45    *Break*
- 11:45 – 12:30    **Avoiding Pitfalls in the Coroner's Court**  
Sally Robinson, HM Assistant Coroner (East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston-Upon-Hull), Deputy Coroner (British Indian Ocean Territory) and District Crown Prosecutor
- 12:30 – 13:00    **Panel Discussion**
- 13:00 – 13:45    *Break for Lunch*
- Afternoon session chaired by Dr Elisabeth Alton*
- 13:45 – 14:30    **Challenges Faced in the Documentation & Interpretation of Injuries for Criminal Cases**  
Prof Margaret Stark, Consultant Forensic Physician
- 14:30 – 15:00    **Disproportionality of Neurodiversity in Safeguarding**  
Dr Jessica Ong, Named GP for Safeguarding Children in Lewisham and Clinical Care & Professional Lead for Learning Disability & Autism, South East London ICB
- 15:00– 15:30    **Care for Adults with Autism in the Custody Environment**  
Superintendent Ben Martin, Peterborough & Fenland Area Commander, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- 15:30 – 16:00    **Panel Discussion and Closing Comments**

# Speakers

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## **Brett Davies**



### **Barrister, Spire Barristers**

Brett read law at the University of Teesside graduating with First Class Honours, before completing the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law, London in 2007. Brett began working as a civil servant in 2008, moving to local government in 2011, before moving to the self-employed Bar in 2020.

Brett now practises as a barrister from Spire Barristers, Leeds where he is head of the public law team. Brett is sought after by Integrated Care Boards, NHS Trusts and local authorities to advise in all aspects of safeguarding, in understanding when and where duties are owed to adults, and court proceedings. Brett is now ranked, Tier 1 Leading Junior (Court Of Protection And Community Care) in Legal 500 2024, and has been awarded numerous awards over the years including People Lawyer of the Year at the Lawyers in Local Government Awards.

### **Tag, you're it: Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults**

Safeguarding vulnerable adults with needs for care and support: the view from the Courts.

# Speakers

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## Grev Wallington



**Effective Practice Manager, The National Appropriate Adult Network**

### **The Role of the Appropriate Adult**

Grev was appointed as Effective Practice Manager for the National Appropriate Adult Network (NAAN) in 2016. With 20 years of experience of leading appropriate adult schemes, he has personally acted as an AA in around 2,000 criminal and terrorism-related cases. Prior to joining the staff team, Grev contributed 9 years of voluntary work to NAAN as a trustee, including a period as Chair. He is a Fellow of the RSA, and a qualified trainer and facilitator who has delivered AA training to hundreds of staff and volunteers across many organisations. local, national, and international organisations.

# Speakers

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## Sally Robinson



**HM Assistant Coroner (East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston-Upon-Hull), Deputy Coroner (British Indian Ocean Territory) and District Crown Prosecutor**

I have been a CPS prosecutor for 17 years and a coroner since 2017. I have presided over a full range of deaths and inquests including deaths overseas and provide a unique insight into the art of giving evidence as I am both a litigator and a coroner which require very different skill sets.

### **Avoiding Pitfalls in the Coroner's Court**

Case study of recent hospital death inquest and tips for doctors giving evidence to the coroner.

# Speaker / Course Organiser

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## Prof Margaret M Stark



### Consultant Forensic Physician

Margaret Stark has been a forensic physician since 1989, a specialist in forensic & legal medicine, mainly working with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), also in Surrey, Sussex, and with British Transport Police. She was the first Medical Director of the Forensic Healthcare Service in London and the Director of the Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit for NSW Police, based in Sydney, from 2011 – 2014. Previously she was a principal in general practice and also worked in family planning.

She is a Past-President of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM), Chair of the Forensic Science Sub-Committee, and Lead Facilitator for the Faculty's course in General Forensic Medicine. She was the Founding Academic Dean for the FFLM. She was awarded the David Jenkins Professorship in Forensic and Legal Medicine in 2011/12 and was an Adjunct Professor at Sydney University from 2012-2015. She is an Honorary Visiting Professor at Teesside University. She also works as the Responsible Officer and Appraisal Lead for Care & Custody (Health) Ltd (part of the MITIE Group), a Deputy Crematorium Referee (Croydon), an Expert Witness and a script reviewer for the BBC.

### Challenges Faced in the Documentation & Interpretation of Injuries for Criminal Cases

It is essential that injuries are properly documented in cases where there may be criminal proceedings. Any clinician involved should be able to assess a patient, taking a detailed history and accurately documenting and interpreting any visible injuries, wounds, and scars that have been sustained as the result of an alleged assault. This can be difficult practically and takes time. It is important to be able to explain findings to other clinicians and members of the multi-professional team involved in safeguarding, as well as relatives.

# Speakers

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**Dr Jessica Ong**

**Named GP for Safeguarding Children in Lewisham and Clinical Care & Professional Lead for Learning Disability & Autism, South East London ICB**

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to speak on the topic of neurodiversity, a topic which is close to my heart as a mother to two wonderful neurodivergent children and an AuADHD clinician myself.

I have a General Practice background, have been Named GP for Safeguarding in Lewisham since 2019. For the past three years, I have noticed that the vast majority of safeguarding cases had neurodiversity as a contributing factor in the individual or family's safeguarding risk profile.

Since 2022, I have been the Clinical Care & Professional Lead (CCPL) for the Learning disability & Autism program in South East London. My career aim is to help create a neuro-affirmative health, social care, and education system in which being neurodivergent is no longer a disability. To help create a system in which all individuals are supported to fulfil their potential.

## **Disproportionality of Neurodiversity in Safeguarding**

Purpose: To raise awareness amongst clinicians and safeguarding professionals regarding the disproportionality of neurodivergent population within safeguarding. We will review safeguarding & neurodiversity data in South East London and use some case studies to explore the reasons why neurodivergent traits may increase vulnerability.



# Speakers

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## **Superintendent Ben Martin**



**Peterborough & Fenland Area Commander, Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

## **Care for Adults with Autism in the Custody Environment**

Ben has worked in several different areas of policing over the last eighteen years, mostly as a detective in various roles encompassing volume crime, serious crime, acquisitive crime, counter terrorism, rape, domestic abuse and professional standards.

From 2021-2023, he was the Superintendent in charge of the Custody and Criminal Justice portfolio for Cambridgeshire Police which covers all custody provision as well as case file quality, investigation standards, victim and witness care and Out of Court Diversions. For the last five months, he has been the area commander for Peterborough and Fenland, looking after local policing for the northern half of Cambridgeshire.

# Speaker / Course Organiser

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**Dr Elisabeth Alton**



**Named GP for Safeguarding Adults, Humber and North Yorkshire ICS, Clinical Lead Forensic Project**

Elisabeth is a named GP for safeguarding adults working for Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. She has a Master's degree in Safeguarding Adults, Law, Policy and Procedure from Keele University. Along with Dr Joy Shacklock she co-produced the RCGP Adult Safeguarding Toolkit. Elisabeth sat on the Decision-making and mental capacity NICE guideline [NG108] committee and has worked extensively in implementing good practice around the MCA in primary care nationally. Currently she is involved in research into the interface of primary care and safeguarding in care homes in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Care at Hull University.

Her interest in forensic examination of adults at risk of harm stems from being involved in safeguarding adult reviews where the victim had been injured and recognising the inequality of service between children and adults that currently exists. She is currently the clinical lead for a pilot project in the Humber region providing forensic medicals for adults at risk of harm.

# Upcoming Events

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**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May 2024**  
**Royal College of Pathologists, London**

**Join us in person or virtually!**



Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be at the Royal College of Pathologists and will include a range of expert speakers, as well as the Annual General Meeting, David Jenkins Lecture and Gala Dinner.

You can join us either in person in London or virtually.

The focus of this year's conference is *Innovation in Forensic and Legal Medicine*.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Tana Adkin KC, Chair, Criminal Bar Association
- Dr Sandie Bohin, Consultant Paediatrician/Neonatologist
- Mark Faulkner, Consultant Paramedic, London Ambulance Service
- Prof Seena Fazel, Forensic Psychiatrist and Panel Member, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody
- Dr Alan Mitchell, President, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)
- Dr Gethin Rees, Principal Investigator for Equivalence in Custody Healthcare Project, Newcastle University
- Prof Cath White OBE, Medical Director, Institute for Addressing Strangulation

Please visit <https://fflm.ac.uk/annual-conference-2024> for more information.



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