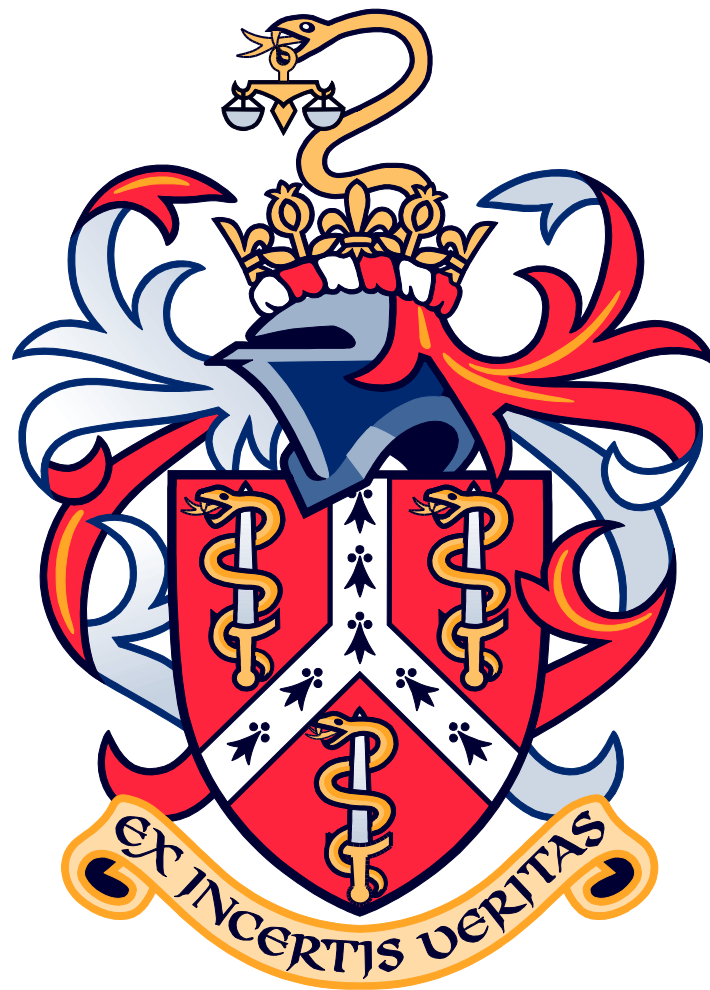


# Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May 2024

The Royal College of Pathologists, London / Zoom



### Innovation in Forensic and Legal Medicine

# Welcome from the President



Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.

We are back at the Royal College of Pathologists, (RCPATH), where we held our Conference in 2022. It is in Alie Street, opposite the building, which, as many will know, used to be the home of the FFLM office.

I am very sorry not to be here, in person, for Friday morning's session, but I am sure you will understand it is because I will be attending a funeral.

You will see from the conference booklet that we have an excellent programme put together by Dr Anton van Dellen, the Assistant Registrar and his team, as always with the excellent support of Mrs Tessa Lewis. The programme's aims were to have something for all professional groups and disciplines, with the theme of Innovation. We are very grateful to all our speakers for giving their time to us and also to you, our delegates for your contribution to what we hope will be lively and informative discussions.

As usual, the Annual General Meeting, (AGM) will be held on Friday afternoon, (10<sup>th</sup> May); it provides the opportunity for the Senior Officers to report on their activities in the last year. The papers for the AGM can be accessed [here](#). We encourage you to read them beforehand, if you able to do so. We will do our best to answer any questions and address any concerns you may have, as well as take note of thoughts and observations. This is particularly important for the development of our Strategy.

On Friday morning, we are delighted to welcome Professor Catherine White to deliver the David Jenkins Lecture on Child Strangulation. Cath's work in forensic medicine and for the FFLM are known nationally and internationally and we are delighted she accepted the honour of this award. Although Cath is stepping down as our Lead for Sexual Offence Medicine, (SOM), she will continue the important work with her colleagues at the Institute for Addressing Strangulation, (IFAS).

Please be sure to make full use of the other opportunities the Conference offers, visiting the exhibitors' stands, reading the student posters, as well as meeting and talking to colleagues and speakers. We thank our tier one sponsor ALLDOQ and our other exhibitors for their support.

We look forward to seeing you both online and in person and do hope that you enjoy the conference: please be sure to complete the feedback form after the event.

Lastly, please note in your diaries, (paper, electronic or both) the dates for next year's Conference, Friday 09 May and Saturday 10 May 2025, in Liverpool, and in which we shall celebrate 20 years of the FFLM.

Dr Bernadette Butler  
President  
Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

# Logistics

## On the Day

Most sessions will be held in the Elizabeth Room on the first floor at the RCPATH. The registration desk will be situated in the adjoining foyer area where refreshments and lunch will also be served. Breakout sessions will be held in the Alie Room on the second floor.

If you have any access or engagement requirements, please make sure FFLM and/or RCPATH staff are made aware at the earliest opportunity.

## The Venue

Please [click here](#) for a map. The RCPATH is easily accessible by all forms of transport.

The nearest tube stations are Aldgate (Metropolitan and Circle lines), Aldgate East (Hammersmith and City and District lines), and Tower Hill (Circle and District lines) and Tower Gateway (Docklands Light Railway).

The nearest mainline stations are Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street which are approximately 10 minutes' walk away.

There is no car parking on site so if you are driving please [click here](#) to find a suitable parking space.

## Social Media and Recording

We will be live-streaming, recording and photographing sessions throughout the day. We will also be live-tweeting – please tweet at and about [@FFLMUK](#), [#FFLMConf24](#)

Where we have permission from the speaker, the recorded presentations will be made available after the event (details on how to access the material will be circulated afterwards). Please note, not all speakers will be able to give permission to the release of their session due to the cases/data being shared.

## Assistance

If there is anything you require during or after the event, please let the FFLM team know or contact [forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk](mailto:forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk).

# Programme



## Friday 10 May 2024

08:20 – 08:50 *Registration*

08:50 – 09:00 **Welcome**

09:00 – 09:45 **Preventing Suicide in Prison Settings**  
Prof Seena Fazel, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Oxford and Panel Member, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody

09:45 – 10:45 **David Jenkins Lecture: Child Strangulation**  
Prof Cath White OBE, Medical Director, IFAS

10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments*

11:15 – 12:00 **The Role of Counterfactual Causation in the Investigation of Death in Custody**  
Prof Michael Freeman, Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine and Epidemiology, Maastricht University and Consultant in Forensic Medicine

12:00 – 12:30 **The Lucy Letby trial – Memoirs and Learning from a Prosecution Neonatal Expert in the Longest Running Murder Trial in UK History**  
Dr Sandie Bohin, Consultant Paediatrician/Neonatologist

12:30 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>What is 'Equivalence' in Police Custody Healthcare?</b> Dr Gethin Rees, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Newcastle University	<b>Admissibility of Expert Evidence</b> Susan Carney-Gannon, Consultant Forensic Scientist and Chartered Forensic Practitioner

14:45 – 15:30 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>Developing an Electronic Patient Record System</b> Dr Kate Shardlow, Consultant Clinical Lead - Havens Adult Service, King's College Hospital	<b>The Role of the Nurse Expert Witness</b> Zoe Lane, Associate Director of Nursing - Safeguarding (Children & Maternity), King's College Hospital

15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments*

16:00 – 17:30 **Annual General Meeting**

19:30 – 23:00 **Drinks Reception and Gala Dinner**

# Programme



**Saturday 11 May 2024**

- 08:30 – 08:55 *Registration*
- 08:55 – 09:00 **Welcome Back – Introduction to the Day**
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Sexual Assault and Sexually Transmitted Infections: What do we know, what should we do?**  
Dr Vanita Parekh, Research Director, Clinical Forensic Medicine Services, Canberra Hospital
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Essential Safeguards for Persons Deprived of their Liberty in the UK and across Europe**  
Dr Alan Mitchell, President, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Panel Discussion**
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshments*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Good Medical Practice: What's New?**  
Dr Sophie Reshamwalla, Regional Liaison Adviser, General Medical Council (GMC)
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Prosecuting Cases of Sexual Abuse in the Workplace**  
Tana Adkin KC, Barrister and Chair, Criminal Bar Association
- 12:00 – 12:30 **An Analysis of Strangulation and Suffocation in Domestic Homicide Reviews**  
Marianne McGowan, Survivor Liaison & Research Worker, IFAS  
Harriet Smailes, Research Officer, IFAS
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**

<b>Forensic Medicine</b>	<b>Legal Medicine</b>
<b>The Challenges Facing Forensic Odontology</b> Dr Douglas Sheasby, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in Forensic Odontology, University of Glasgow	<b>Appraisal and Revalidation Update</b> Dr Nigel Callaghan, Suitable Person, FFLM Dr Anna Bailey, Employer Liaison Officer, GMC

14:45 – 15:30

**Parallel Sessions**

<b>Forensic Medicine</b>	<b>Legal Medicine</b>
<b>Innovation in the Ambulance Service</b> Mark Faulkner, Consultant Paramedic and Associate Clinical Director, London Ambulance Service	<b>Preventable Deaths Tracker</b> Dr Georgia Richards, Teaching Fellow in Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Oxford

15:30 – 15:45

*Refreshments*

15:45 – 16:10

**Case Review, an MDT Approach to Practice**

Keeley Roe, Forensic Nurse Examiner and Associate Head of Healthcare, Mountain Healthcare

16:10 – 16:30

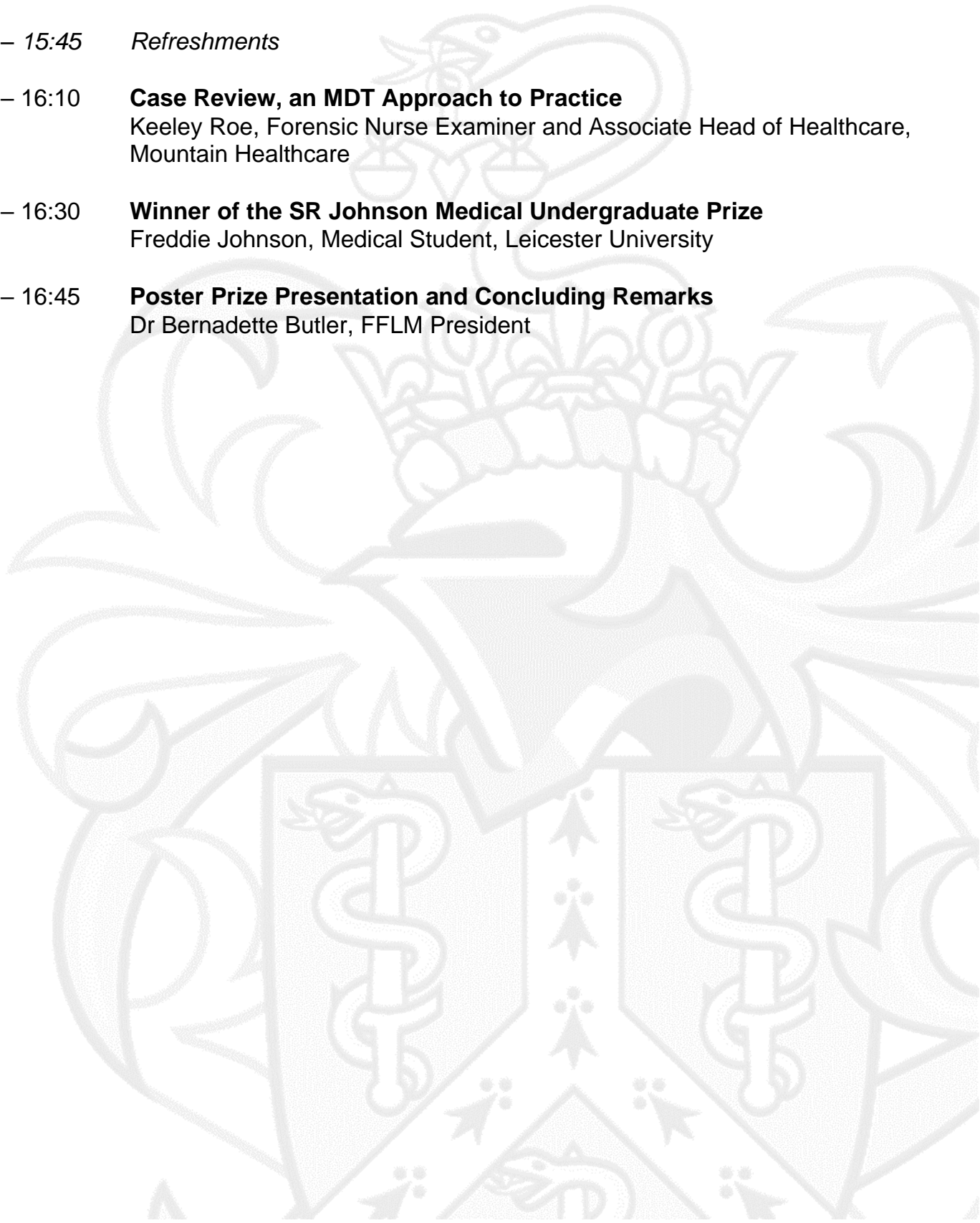
**Winner of the SR Johnson Medical Undergraduate Prize**

Freddie Johnson, Medical Student, Leicester University

16:30 – 16:45

**Poster Prize Presentation and Concluding Remarks**

Dr Bernadette Butler, FFLM President



## **Dr Iain Brew**

**Prison GP and Registrar, FFLM**

**Chair: Friday Morning**



Iain Brew has been a GP since 1995, working in prisons since 2000. He is a past Vice-Chair of the RCGP Secure Environments Group and was Deputy Medical Director for a provider working across 50 English Prisons 2018-23 with a special interest in the elimination programme for hepatitis C.

Iain has also provided expert reports for Negligence cases in Primary Care, been an NCAS assessor and Medical Claims Adviser with the Medical Protection Society 2015-18.

He obtained his Graduate Diplomas in Law at De Montford University in 2016 and is a Founding Fellow of the Secure & Detained Settings arm of the FFLM. Iain is proud to have the opportunity to serve the Faculty as your current Registrar.

In his spare time, he is a collector of antiques and amateur horologist with an interest in 18th century long case clocks.

## **Prof Seena Fazel**

**Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Oxford and Panel Member, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody**



Seena Fazel is a professor of forensic psychiatry at the University of Oxford, where he is director of the Suicide Research Centre. He has longstanding research interests in suicide prevention, risk assessment for suicide and violence, and leads a research group investigating the links between mental illness and violent crime. He holds honorary appointments at Oxford Health Foundation NHS Trust, where he works clinically as a psychiatrist. Seena is an expert member of the UK government's Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody.

### **Preventing Suicide in Prison Settings**

This talk will provide an overview of risk factors, assessment, and prevention of suicidal behaviours in prisons, including summarizing recent findings from the RAPSS study on repeat self-harm.

## **Prof Cath White OBE**

### **Medical Director, IFAS**

Prof White has been the Medical Director of IFAS since it was established in October 2022. Prior to that she was the Clinical Director of the Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Manchester, UK for 19 years, having started as one of the forensic physicians in 1995 specialising in the examination of women, men, and children where there has been an allegation of rape or sexual assault. She continues to undertake clinical forensic medical examinations. She has provided expert evidence on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence.



She has been a UN Consultant on Sexual Violence and has been involved in a UNODC Project involving the establishment of sexual assault services in Palestine, 2012 –2018 and as of 2016 was also involved with a similar UN project in Egypt.

Prof White has written and published widely on the topic of clinical forensic medicine, sexual violence and non-fatal strangulation (NFS).

Prof White has been heavily involved in raising awareness of the dangers of NFS. Her research in this area was used as evidence for a successful call to change the law regarding strangulation in England and Wales.

- White C, Martin G, Schofield AM, Majeed-Ariss R. (2021) 'I thought he was going to kill me': Analysis of 204 case files of adults reporting Non-Fatal Strangulation as part of a sexual assault over a 3 year period. Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2021.102128>

Prof White was awarded the David Jenkins Chair in May 2023 by the FFLM, and appointed Honorary Professor in Criminology, University of Manchester in March 2024. Prof White was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's 2014 New Year's Honours List for services to Vulnerable People.

### **David Jenkins Lecture: Child Strangulation**

Will look at prevalence of child non-fatal strangulation, demographics of child NFS complainants and alleged assailants, and FME findings.

## **Dr Anton van Dellen**

### **Barrister and Assistant Registrar, FFLM**

#### **Chair: Friday Morning**

Dr Anton van Dellen is a barrister at Fraser Chambers, specialising in defamation, public and commercial law. Anton also sits as an Assistant Coroner in West London. He has a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBCh) from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Physiology from the University of Oxford; a Master of Arts in Law from the University of Cambridge; and a Masters of Law (LLM) from BPP. The subject of his LLM was expert witness liability. Anton was a registrar in neurosurgery before becoming a Fellow at Christ Church, University of Oxford. He also held several senior management posts in the NHS. Anton is an advocacy trainer for Inner Temple, is a member of Inner Temple's Bar Liaison Committee and sits on Inner Temple's Executive, Finance and Investment Committees. He is also Vice-Chair of the Bar Council's Legal Services Committee and sits on the Bar Council Education and Training Committee. He was awarded a Princess Royal Scholarship from Inner Temple and was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford.





## **Prof Michael Freeman**

### **Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine and Epidemiology, Maastricht University and Consultant in Forensic Medicine**



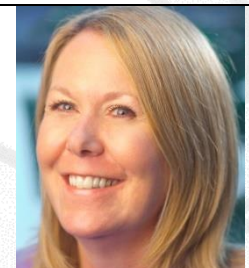
Michael Freeman is the David Jenkins Professor and Chair of forensic and legal medicine with the Royal College of Physicians (London), in the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM), as well as a tenured associate professor of forensic medicine and epidemiology at Maastricht University Medical Center (NL), and a clinical professor of forensic psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine. He is a medicolegal consultant, specializing in the application of epidemiologic data and methods to legal issues (forensic epidemiology). Prof. Freeman is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, the FFLM, and the American College of Epidemiology, among others. He has provided expert testimony more than 1,600 times in a wide variety of civil and criminal cases, and has served as a cause of death expert to 4 attorneys general in the US for death in police custody cases, including the investigation of the murder of George Floyd in Minnesota. Prof. Freeman has published around 230 scientific papers, books, and book chapters, and is one of the associate editors of the Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine. He holds 6 university degrees, including a doctor of medicine degree, a Ph.D. and master's in public health in epidemiology, and a master's of forensic medical sciences. Prof. Freeman is a past US Fulbright Fellow with the U.S. Department of State in the area of forensic medicine.

### **The Role of Counterfactual Causation in the Investigation of Death in Custody**

Controversies from forensic practice and the literature regarding the potential dangers of prone-restraint will be presented, along with systematic methods for quantifying causal attribution in cases of death following prone restraint in custody.

## **Dr Sandie Bohin**

### **Consultant Paediatrician/Neonatologist**



I qualified from Bristol University in 1985. My specialist training was in Bristol, Bath, Nottingham and Leicester. I became a Consultant Neonatologist in 1996 at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. During that time I set up a local neonatal transport service and for 5 years I was clinical director.

Having become disillusioned with the NHS, I moved to Guernsey in 2009 to work as a Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist. Guernsey's health system is not part of the NHS, has no junior doctors and has a Consultant led service.

I have an honorary contract with St Michaels Regional Neonatal Intensive Care unit in Bristol.

I started medicolegal work whilst at Leicester, but only in a small way as many high profile neonatologists were available at that time. Having moved to Guernsey, I was able to work on paediatric and neonatal cases, including child protection cases as I was the Named Doctor for Child Protection in Guernsey from 2016-2021.

### **The Lucy Letby trial – Memoirs and Learning from a Prosecution Neonatal Expert in the Longest Running Murder Trial in UK History**

Overview of my role as a prosecution expert in the Lucy Letby trial; the longest running murder trial in UK. How I became involved, my role, the trial cases. Difficulties with complex medical cases. Learning for health workers.

## **Prof John Gall**

### **Consultant Forensic Physician**

#### **Chair: Friday Afternoon (Forensic Medicine)**



A/Prof Gall is a consultant forensic physician in both public and private practice who recently relocated to the UK from Australia. He provides services in both countries, is a recently appointed Medical Examiner with the London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust and continues (on long service leave) as a Senior Consultant/Staff Specialist with the Victorian Paediatric Forensic Medical Service, Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne, and an Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, The University of Melbourne.

He is the immediate Past-President of the International Association of Clinical Forensic Medicine, is a Board member of the FFLM and chairs a subcommittee of the FCLM (Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia) tasked with rewriting that Faculty's submission for specialist recognition. John qualified initially as a biochemist, completed his doctorate in the Department of Pathology at the University of Melbourne and engaged in postdoctoral research in anatomy. He has practised Clinical Forensic Medicine for 30 years and has published a number of books, book chapters and research papers in forensic medicine and toxicology.

In addition to forensic medicine, he also practices occupational medicine. He has two delightful Golden Retrievers and his hobbies include tennis, gliding and scuba-diving.

## **Dr Gethin Rees**

### **Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Newcastle University**

#### **What is 'Equivalence' in Police Custody Healthcare?**



Dr Rees is interested in the intersection of healthcare and criminal justice, whether that is embodied in healthcare professionals who work in criminal justice contexts (e.g. police stations and prisons), or scientific and/or medical experts presenting evidence in criminal trials. As a result, his research sits at the intersection of the sociology of science and technology, medical sociology and socio-legal studies.

Prior to joining Newcastle University he held an ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2009-2010) and was Principal Investigator on an ESRC Small Grant (2010-2011), both carried out at the University of Edinburgh; following the completion of the small grant he became a Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Southampton (2011-2015). More recently he received a Wellcome Trust Seed Award Grant for the project "Police Custody Nursing: Ethical, Social, Policy and Professional Challenges" which served as the pilot study for the "What is equivalence in police custody healthcare" project.

Dr Rees holds a PhD in Science and Technology Studies from the University of Edinburgh and a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice from the University of Southampton. He has also held Visiting Fellowships at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Department of Sociology, Trent University; and School of Law, National University of Ireland in Galway. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a member of the British Sociological Association, and an Editor for the journal Social Theory and Health.

## **Dr Kate Shardlow**

### **Consultant Clinical Lead - Havens Adult Service**

#### **Developing an Electronic Patient Record System**

Forensic Examiner since 2006.

Worked for various organisations.

Particular interest in clinical governance and safeguarding.

Appointed Consultant Clinical Lead for the Havens Adult Service in August 2022.

## **Dr Alex Gorton**

### **Forensic Physician**

#### **Chair: Friday Afternoon (Legal Medicine) / Saturday Afternoon**

Alex qualified from University of Wales College of Medicine in 2002 and has had a varied portfolio career since. Originally training in general surgery he migrated to emergency medicine before spending several years working full time in the private sector as a forensic physician. In that role he has had a number of senior positions including medical director to one of the private providers. Throughout his career he has been passionate about standards and training and this translated into his previous role as Assistant Registrar for the FFLM (2016-2021). He has a solid understanding of legal aspects of medical practice having gained a Master of Laws from Cardiff Law School.



Alex is active in writing national guidance for forensic and legal medicine as well as developing training modules for forensic and emergency trainees alike. He sits on a range of national committees including the NPCC Clinical Advice Panel, the BMA Forensic & Secure Environments Committee and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (Wales) Council. Over the last few years he has been heavily involved in supporting the NPCC developing a competency framework for assessment of individuals exposed to Conducted Energy Devices, co-written the FFLM Joint CED Working Group Guidelines, and is the lead facilitator for the FFLM national training course for clinicians assessing individuals who have been exposed to a conducted energy device. He works part time as an Emergency Medicine Middle Grade at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend as well as regularly working within police custody suites across the UK. In addition to this he is a Medical Examiner for South East Wales.

## Susan Carney-Gannon

### Consultant Forensic Scientist and Chartered Forensic Practitioner



Sue Carney-Gannon has been a forensic biologist and expert witness with expertise in DNA and body fluids, for 23 years. Trained and employed by the former UK Forensic Science Service, she established her consultancy company, Ethos Forensics, on closure of FSS Chorley in 2011, with the aim of delivering quality-driven Defence-instructed forensic science consultancy and training. Ethos Forensics continue to deliver criminal casework consultancy in England and Wales, and across a range of other jurisdictions, and collaborate with a variety of service providers across the industry.

Committed to forensic science education and inspiring the next generation of expert witnesses, Sue also taught forensic science at the University of Central Lancashire for eight years, leaving in 2021 to commence her PhD at Northumbria University, where she is now completing her research considering the requirements of expert reporting in meeting the needs of admissibility assessment.

Sue is a professional member of The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, was awarded Chartered Forensic Practitioner status in 2019, and elected to CSFS Council as Honorary Treasurer in November 2022. Sue co-chairs the current CSFS/Forensic Science Regulator working group on Case Review and is a member of the FSR specialist interpretation group.

Amongst her few publications, Sue most recently contributed a chapter on Blood Pattern Analysis to *Forensic & Legal Medicine: Clinical and Pathological Aspects*, Edited By Jason Payne-James and Roger Byard, 2023.

### Admissibility and the Responsibilities of the Expert Witness

Admissibility is the concept in the law of evidence determining whether information can be received by the court. It is the process by which reported expert findings become evidence. The Common Law, as the authority on admissibility, specifies that expert evidence must be relevant, must provide knowledge outside that of the court, and must be delivered by a competent expert. Criminal Justice reform, based on 2011 Law Commission recommendations, implemented detailed criteria for assessment of expert findings at the admissibility stage, which came to comprise Criminal Practice Direction 19A, subsequently in November 2023, becoming Practice Direction 7.1. This expanded Practice Direction advocates greater scrutiny of expert findings and demands information not routinely provided in expert reports. If Defence Counsel have not instructed their own expert in legal proceedings, then it is arguable that some of the criteria for assessment of admissibility defined in CrimPD 7.1 may be beyond the experience of Counsel. The introduction of Streamlined Forensic Reports to the CJS with the aims of saving time and cost by increasing efficiency of case management, and promoting early guilty pleas, is arguably an opposing force of Criminal Justice reform. The minimalist approach to reporting inherent in the SFR process risks omission of the very information that might reasonably assist Counsel in addressing those Part 7 criteria. My current research aims to understand what is required of expert reports for admissibility, particularly those presented in Streamlined Forensic Report-format, and to explore how assessments of the admissibility of expert findings are made by legal professionals. A third overarching aim of this research considers novel approaches to reporting expert findings with the aim of ensuring pre-trial reliability and facilitating admissibility assessment. This presentation discusses the criteria outlined in CrimPD 7.1 and the requirements of experts in assisting Counsel in their considerations of admissibility, alongside some insights from my research.

## Zoe Lane

### Associate Director of Nursing - Safeguarding (Children & Maternity) and Paediatric Learning Disabilities



#### The Role of the Nurse Expert Witness

I am currently working as an Associate Director of Nursing for Safeguarding Children and Maternity at an acute Central London Trust. In addition, I have been commissioned externally for training since 2019.

I have led safeguarding services in the NHS for 8 years in Central London acute Trusts.

I have trained a variety of professionals on key safeguarding topics – Safeguarding Children, Medical Neglect, NAI, FII, Adolescent safeguarding (CCE/CSE). Training has been multi professional, legal teams, social care, police, health professionals, and education professionals. It has been national through HEE, local authority based or locally completed.

I have completed work alongside Child Protection professionals in Seattle. I have produced expert reports across the safeguarding partnership for law firms, local authorities and Health.

## Dr Bernadette Butler

### President, FFLM

#### Welcome / Concluding Remarks Chair: Saturday Morning



Bernadette Butler, ('Dr B') graduated from St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, sometime in the last century, when there were about as many medical schools in London, as the rest of the UK. Her post-graduate career began in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, but she stepped off the 'career' ladder due to family commitments and worked part-time. She began her career in forensic medicine, 24 years ago, at the first Haven, in Camberwell, now one of 3 Havens: the sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) for London, run by King's College Hospital. She has an interest in education and training, hence her role as the Havens' Clinical Education & Training Lead (CETL), as well as continuing her forensic medical work on the out-of-hours rota.

Her roles within the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM) include Academic Dean (2016 – 2019), Examiner for LFFLM (SOM) and MFFLM (SOM), Member of the Forensic Science Subcommittee (FSSC). She has the honour of being your President, from May 2023 - May 2025.

Until September 2023, she was the President of the Clinical Forensic and Legal Medicine Section, at the Royal Society of Medicine, (RSM). Other roles in the past: Clinical Director of Hope House, the Gloucestershire Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Assistant Deputy Coroner for Surrey and Forensic physician at the Surrey SARC in Cobham. She is the Chairman of the Forensic Science Regulator's (FSRM) Medical Forensics Specialist Group, (MFSG).

Away from her clinical work, she sits as a Lay Magistrate (Justice of the Peace, JP) in Surrey. She has a fair amount of knowledge about Great Danes (dogs), of which she has owned nine over about 36 years.

## Prof Vanita Parekh AM

Research Director, Clinical Forensic Medicine Services, Canberra Hospital

### Sexual Assault and STIs: What do we know, what should we do?



Clinical Associate Professor Vanita Parekh is the Director of Research at Clinical Forensic Medicine Services. Vanita is a senior staff specialist in sexual health and forensic medicine based at the Canberra Hospital. Vanita was responsible for the development, implementation and ongoing provision of Forensic and Medical Sexual Assault Care (FAMSAC) in 2001. Clinical Forensics ACT (CFACT) in 2006 and the Fitness to Drive Unit (FTDU) in 2014, respectively. Vanita continues to provide clinical services and has moved in to a research role, for the past 25 years she has provided forensic and medical care to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, the provision of forensic medical services to suspects and victims in criminal matters, medical care to those in police custody, attendance at death scenes, medicolegal reporting including toxicology opinion in coronial, criminal and tribunal matters. Vanita continues to provide clinical services at the ACT Fitness to Drive Unit. This clinic was established following Vanita's attendance at several motor vehicle fatalities involving medically impaired drivers and assesses driver licence holders against the medical standards.

Vanita provides expert evidence training in relation to sexual assault, non-fatal strangulation, fitness to drive, and forensic toxicology.

Vanita has several research interests within the areas of sexual health and clinical forensic medicine. She holds a Clinical Associate Professor position at the Australian National University and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Canberra.

Vanita has been involved in the establishment of professional organisations including, inaugural president and incorporation of FAMSAC Australia in 2004 and Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Clinical Forensic Medicine for the Royal College of Pathologists Australasia in 2014. Vanita is on several advisory committees covering sexual violence, medicinal cannabis, and road safety.

Vanita was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in 2018 for *“Significant service to medicine as a specialist in the fields of sexual health and forensic medicine as an educator and clinician, and to professional organisations.”*

## **Dr Alan Mitchell**

### **President, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture**

Alan Mitchell is a GP who since 2010 has worked at Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre in Scotland. Previously Alan worked as a GP in prisons in Scotland and for a short time as a police doctor.



In 2017 Alan was elected as the UK member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) and since 2021 has served as President of the Committee.

From 2015-2021 Alan was a Commissioner with the Scottish Human Rights Commission and Chair of the Independent Prison Monitoring Advisory Group in Scotland.

### **Essential Safeguards for Persons Deprived of their Liberty in the UK and across Europe**

Alan will talk about the work of the CPT across the 46 member states of the Council of Europe in the context of the promotion of essential safeguards in the monitoring of places of deprivation of liberty including police stations, prisons, immigration detention centres, psychiatric hospitals and social care homes.

## **Dr Libby Sevink**

### **Forensic Physician and Vice- President for Forensic Medicine, FFLM**

#### **Chair: Saturday Morning**

Libby graduated from Peninsula Medical School in 2008. After a career as a Medical Officer in the RAF, she was keen to continue to explore medicine in more unconventional environments.



She discovered Forensic Medicine in 2016 and divides her time between General Forensic Medicine as Clinical Lead for Custody, and the Paediatric SARC.

She has worked closely with partner agencies to develop and implement policies to improve outcomes for vulnerable patients and is passionate about maintaining high standards of care in the challenging environments of Custody and SARC. She also delivers training to clinicians embarking on their career in Forensic Medicine as well as Police Officers and other Healthcare Specialties.

Having obtained her Membership of the FFLM she has gone on to become an examiner and was inspired by colleagues to become more involved with the Faculty and their work to maintain and improve standards in Forensic Medicine.

## **Dr Sophie Reshamwalla**

### **GMC Regional Liaison Adviser**

Sophie Reshamwalla qualified in 2005 and started her career in the NHS, as a surgical trainee. She then spent 12 years working in Africa and Asia, after which she returned to the UK and joined the GMC as a regional adviser where she talks to doctors in the East of England about GMC standards. In her spare time she is studying for a Masters in Medical Ethics and Law.

### **Good Medical Practice: What's New?**

What are the updates to Good Medical Practice and how does this affect me?

## **Tana Adkin KC**

### **Barrister and Chair, Criminal Bar Association**

Tana is a specialist Criminal Silk. She has a particular interest in causes of death and is frequently instructed where detailed analysis of medical and scientific evidence is needed. She has a wealth of experience cross-examining some of the foremost experts in their fields including forensic pathologists, paediatricians and geriatricians, toxicologists, blood spatter experts, DNA experts, hair and clothing analysts, ballistic and explosive experts, educational psychologists, forensic psychiatrists and forensic accountants.



From a background prosecuting and defending Rape And Serious Sexual Offences ('RASSO' cases) with Vulnerable Witness training Tana has developed particular skills defending and questioning all types of witnesses. Tana also conducts cases involving Regulatory and Disciplinary proceedings against professionals accused of misconduct including medical professionals and the police.

She is currently Chair of the Criminal Bar Association. She is a member of the Bar Council, INQUEST and the Female Fraud Forum.

### **Prosecuting Cases of Sexual Abuse in the Workplace**

From harassment to sextortion, the damage sexual offences can do both to the individuals experiencing it and their employers should not be underestimated.

Tana Adkin KC, will address delegates on the new operating model for prosecuting offences of rape and serious sexual offences as well as the new offences under the Online Safety Act, 2023.



## **Marianne McGowan**

### **Survivor Liaison & Research Worker, IFAS**

Marianne McGowan is the Survivor Liaison and Research Worker for IFAS, leading on survivor involvement and working as part of the research team for the Institute. She is a certified Domestic Violence Practitioner. She has volunteered and worked in the sector in frontline services since 2016. Her academic background is in Psychology & Criminology. In 2020, she completed a master's degree in Psychology with accreditation from the British Psychological Society.



## **Harriet Smailes**

### **Research Officer, IFAS**

Harriet Smailes is the Research Officer at IFAS. She leads on the research outputs for the Institute, with the primary aim of supporting the development of the UK evidence base on strangulation. Alongside her work at the Institute, Harriet has undertaken research in the field of forensic psychology and criminology, with a focus on sexual violence. Harriet has also worked as a practitioner in the sexual violence sector, across education and voluntary sectors.



### **An Analysis of Strangulation and Suffocation in Domestic Homicide Reviews**

This session will provide an overview of analyses conducted on around 400 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), specifically highlighting instances of non-fatal strangulation, and fatal strangulation and suffocation. The session will involve a presentation of an overview of findings, particularly highlighting trends around victim and perpetrator demographics, behaviours in this histories of the relationship between victim and perpetrator, and circumstances around the homicides. A brief commentary on the DHR process as a whole, particularly how it pertains to strangulation and suffocation, will also be provided.

## **Dr Amy Hamm**

### **Forensic Physician and Treasurer, FFLM**

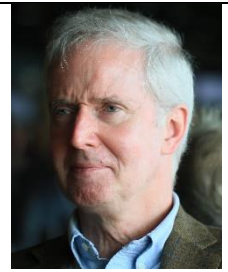
#### **Chair: Saturday Afternoon (Forensic Medicine)**

Amy moved into full time forensic medicine from Paediatrics in 2018 when she became clinical Lead and the registered manager of the Southwest SOE service. Training and supervising SARC doctors and nurses across six counties. Amy went on to have a national role as the Clinical Director of G4S Health and currently is Clinical Director of Gloucester, Swindon & Dorset SARC. She gives her time to the FFLM as an Appraiser, Examiner and in her role as Treasurer



## **Dr Douglas R Sheasby**

### **Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in Forensic Odontology, University of Glasgow**



Dr Sheasby researched forensic aspects of posture distortion found in the female breast as recorded in his doctoral thesis, 'Forensic Dentistry – Bite Mark Distortion'. Subsequently, he published scientific papers on a forensic classification of distortion in human bite marks and on the challenges to the forensic analysis of bite marks and comparison with teeth. He contributed to forensic textbooks published in the United Kingdom, India and Switzerland.

During his 35 year career, he acted as an expert witness in bite mark analysis and dental identification for the Crown and Defence, mentored junior odontologists, lectured to undergraduate and postgraduate students and presented at national and international conferences.

His advisory role included Police Scotland, the British Association for Forensic Odontology, the University of Glamorgan, the University of Dundee and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

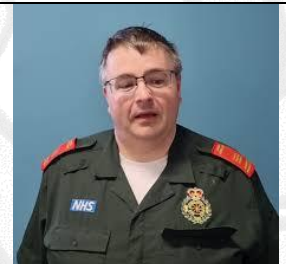
He served as a past President of the British Association for Forensic Odontology, an Assistant Editor of The Journal of Forensic Odonto-Stomatology and a Reviewer of international journals.

### **The Challenges Facing Forensic Odontology**

The challenges relate to current knowledge, scientific research, academic teaching and regulation.

## **Mark Faulkner**

### **Consultant Paramedic and Associate Clinical Director, London Ambulance Service**



Mark is a paramedic with 25 years' clinical experience, he now is a Consultant Paramedic and Associate Clinical Director of the London Ambulance Service. Mark has a clinical interest in resuscitation and major trauma and was a key leader in the development of advanced paramedic practitioners in critical care in London. He maintains active clinical practice. He has a research interest in both trauma and resuscitation particularly on survival from cardiac arrest. Mark has developed some considerably familiarity with the inside of a court and is regularly instructed as an expert witness in civil, criminal and inquest proceedings.

### **Innovation in the Ambulance Service**

Mark's presentation will talk about clinical changes in the ambulance service and pre hospital care looking at changes to resuscitation including the use of mechanical devices, direct to extra corporeal support as well as looking at changes in how the ambulance service is managing the agitated patient as well as tools around how we are looking to improve triage with video.

## **Dr Elaine Cook**

**Dentolegal Consultant and Vice-President for Legal Medicine, FFLM**

**Chair: Saturday Afternoon (Legal Medicine)**

I have worked for Medical Protection Society (Dental Protection) since September 2014 as a full-time Dentolegal Consultant.



I have a background as a General Dental Practitioner within the Armed Forces: the Royal Army Dental Corps for five years and then the Royal Air Force for 16 1/2 years. I currently still work in private practice on a sessional basis and I am the Senior Dental Officer on 4626 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron within the Royal Air Force Reserves, responsible for the training and career management of all Reserve Dental Officers and Dental Nurses.

I have undertaken further postgraduate training in both dentistry and law.

I have a keen interest in Forensic Odontology and I am currently going through the BAFO Mentoring Programme and participate in a Dental Forensic Team on-call rota for the UK.

I regularly present talks and webinars to dental practitioners and dental care professionals both face to face and more recently remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic and had a number of articles on various dental subjects published in the dental journals.

I live in rural Lincolnshire and I am kept very busy by my four rescue spaniels.

## **Dr Nigel Callaghan**

**Doctor of Medicine, Barrister at Law and Suitable Person, FFLM**

Dr Nigel Callaghan is a doctor and barrister. He is an approved Suitable Person by the GMC to make revalidation recommendations for doctors working within forensic and legal medicine who do not have a connection to a Responsible Officer at a designated body.



## **Dr Anna Bailey**

**Employer Liaison Advisor, General Medical Council**

I am a doctor by background and qualified from Sheffield in 1999. I trained in Emergency Medicine and worked for ten years as an Emergency Department Consultant first in Kent and later in Hackney, East London. I joined the GMC in 2014 as a Medical Case Examiner, alongside my frontline work. I loved Emergency Medicine, but in 2020, I decided it was time step back from clinical medicine and started in my current role as an Employer Liaison Adviser. I am part of GMC Outreach, the outward facing team of the GMC. My core role is advising Responsible Officers, and other senior doctors, on revalidation and fitness to practice concerns.

### **Appraisal and Revalidation Update**

A brief practical update, with some top tips on appraisal and revalidation.

## **Dr Georgia Richards**

### **Teaching Fellow in Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Oxford**

Dr Georgia Richards is an Epidemiologist, Health Research Scientist, and Teaching Fellow at the University of Oxford where she teaches and coordinates modules on Evidence-Based Medicine and systematic reviews for the Medical School and MSc in Evidence-Based Healthcare.



She has a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford and a BSc in Biomedical Sciences with First Class Honours in Pharmacology from the University of Queensland, Australia.

In 2020, Dr Richards launched the Preventable Deaths Tracker, the first and only database of coroner reports in England and Wales. Dr Richards has recently been awarded the 2024 King's Prize Fellowship at King's College London to expand her work on the Preventable Deaths Tracker.

### **The Preventable Deaths Tracker: A Platform to Learn Lessons Following Inquests**

In this presentation, Dr Richards will demonstrate the work and research of the Preventable Deaths Tracker (<https://preventabledeathstracker.net>).

## **Keeley Roe**

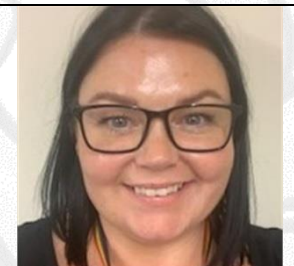
### **Associate Head of Healthcare, Mountain Healthcare**

Forensic Nurse Examiner working within SARC, I have seen over 2500 patients within my 11 years of SARC examination work.

I am the lead trainer and mentor for nurses within the Northern region. I have recently taken up a technical expert role for UKAS working with the ISO15189 code for accreditation in SARC.

### **Case Review, an MDT Approach to Practice**

Innovation into reviewing each case seen within SARC, checking compliance against FFLM guidelines, forensic strategy scrutiny, and safety checks of referrals made.



**Freddie Johnson**

**Medical Student, Leicester University**

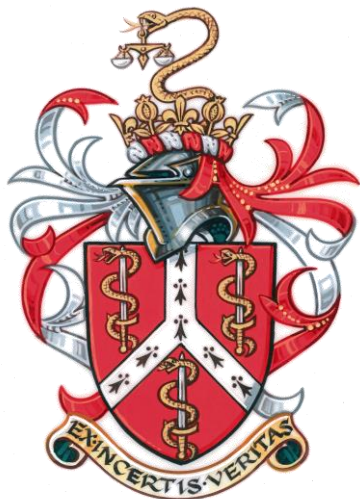
**Winner, SR Johnson Medical Undergraduate Prize**



I'm a final year medical student at Leicester University and honoured to be able to present our work at the conference. I have just recently finished (and thankfully passed!) my final year examinations and I'm looking forward to starting as an FY1 doctor in August in the West Midlands South Deanery at Warwick Hospital. I undertook a student selected module at the end of my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in forensic pathology at the Liverpool Forensic Pathology Unit and this was a very much enjoyable experience. I was very grateful to then be asked to help carry out this experimental research study a couple months after I finished my forensic pathology placement. I hope you enjoy listening to our presentation and find our work interesting!



# Delegate List



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Dr	Olujimi	Aina	Associate
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Dr	Nasir	Ali	Associate
Dr	Elisabeth	Alton	Associate
Dr	Jane	Armstrong	Licentiate
Dr	Remy	Bahl	Fellow
Dr	Anjan	Banerjee	Affiliate
Dr	Olaf	Biedrzycki	Member
Dr	Arlene	Boroda	Licentiate
Dr	Robert	Bowers	Affiliate
Mr	James	Brawn	Student Affiliate
Dr	Iain	Brew	Foundation Fellow
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Dr	Michelle	Carroll	Fellow
Dr	Cheryl	Charlwood	
Dr	Richard	Chave-Cox	Member Retired
Dr	Tanya	Claxton	Fellow
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Dr	Sandy	Fielding	Fellow
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Dr	Wendy	Gray	Foundation Member
Dr	Christine	Greenshaw	Fellow
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Dr	Amy	Hamm	Fellow
Dr	Mike	Harris	Member by Equivalent Qualification
Dr	Clare	Healy	Fellow Overseas
Dr	Kirsten	Hope	Member by Equivalent Qualification
Prof	Sarah	Hull	Fellow
Dr	Dan	Hurley	Member by Examination
Dr	Dina	Ibrahim	Affiliate
Ms	Dee	Inott	
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Dr	Anthony	Knight	Foundation Member
Dr	Matthew	Langley	Member by Equivalent Qualification



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Dr	Sarah	Martin	
Dr	Frances	Matthews	Fellow Overseas
Dr	Sonya	McCullough	Fellow
Dr	Helen	Mills	Member by Examination
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Dr	Kojo	Ndenecho	Affiliate
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Dr	Thomas	O'Gorman	Fellow Overseas
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Prof	Ian	Wall	Foundation Fellow
Dr	Amoret	Whitaker	
Dr	Ewa	Wolska	Fellow
Mrs	Alison	Wray	Licentiate

# Upcoming Events and Courses

## **Webinar: Botanical Origins of Pharmaceutical Medicines Wednesday 29 May at 19:00**

We are very pleased to welcome Prof Alan Boyd, Consultant Pharmaceutical Physician and Honorary Fellow of the FFLM, to present a webinar on the Botanical Origins of Pharmaceutical Medicines.

This webinar is free for FFLM Members to attend. [Click here](#) to book your place.

## **Forensic Aspects of Adult Safeguarding Forum Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 13:00**

Why not join the next meeting of our Adult Safeguarding Forum? The group meets every quarter to discuss/review cases and share professional experiences in a relaxed environment.

Chaired by Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named Doctor for Safeguarding Adults and Prof Margaret Stark, Consultant Forensic Physician.

This forum is free for FFLM Members to attend. [Click here](#) to book your place.

## **FFLM Course in General Forensic Medicine**

**Monday 08 to Friday 12 July 2024  
Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2024**

This course is aimed at newly-appointed or prospective forensic clinicians. Students undertaking the training will be automatically enrolled for the University Certificate in Postgraduate Professional Development (UCPPD) in General Forensic Medicine (accredited by Teesside University).

The course is delivered via a mix of face-to-face and online learning. There are two days of face-to-face teaching (on Monday and Tuesday) and the rest of the course is delivered remotely. The face-to-face training will take place in London at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine.

The course covers important topics such as:

- Fitness to detain, transfer and record-keeping
  - Fitness to interview and charge
- Traffic medicine – procedures under the Road Traffic Acts
  - Substance use disorders
  - Forensic science and sampling
- Documentation, interpretation and management of injuries
  - Statement Writing and the Court system

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

## **Virtual Child Safeguarding Day Saturday 09 November 2024**

Save the date! We're very pleased to advise that our next Virtual Child Safeguarding Day will be taking place on Saturday 09 November. The programme is currently being finalised but if you'd like to book your place now, [click here](#).





# Have you thought about taking the Diploma of Legal Medicine?

Are you interested in the interface between clinical practice and the law? Then you may find studying for the Diploma of Legal Medicine (DLM) of benefit for your work.

The Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine's Diploma of Legal Medicine leads to the postnominal DLM.

This stand-alone qualification may be of interest to a wide range of professionals:

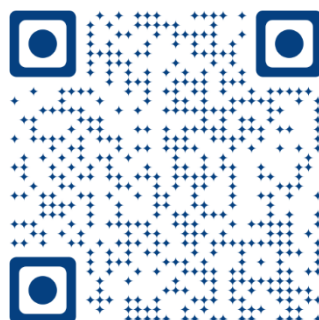
- Dentists, doctors, nurses, and paramedics;
- Legal advisors, file handlers and case reviewers working in the various Regulatory settings (GDC, GMC, NMC, HCPC), or for the medical defence organisations (MDOs), and within NHS England;
- Individuals who provide professional or expert witness evidence in various disciplines may also find this qualification of benefit for their role.

The DLM examination has a one-paper format consisting of 150 best-of-five multiple-choice questions to be completed within three hours. Candidates are tested on a wide range of topics in Legal Medicine as set out in the published syllabus. See: <https://fflm.ac.uk/exams/dlm>.

**The DLM is offered yearly. The next exam is on Friday 11 October 2024, online, so you can do it from the comfort of your own home/office, anywhere in the world. The application period will start on Friday 31 May 2024 and end on Friday 28 June 2024.**

The FFLM has produced numerous publications to assist students <https://fflm.ac.uk/resources/publications> and provides a wide range of learning activities to support those studying in this field including eLearning, webinars and study days. Please see: <https://fflm.ac.uk/e-learning>

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Our screening clinics provide our instructing parties with a swift and economical means to evaluate the viability of a case. Engaging in an online conference call with one of our experts affords the opportunity to deliberate on the potentials of a case.

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We use top-tier diagnostic and testing resources nationwide to establish facts and determine medico-legal implications. These procedures encompass thorough examinations, testing and analyses to furnish precise evidence for our experts to interpret.

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# Institute For Addressing Strangulation

## Key IFAS Resources and Research

Guidelines for clinical management of non-fatal strangulation in acute and emergency care services

[Guidelines for clinical management of non-fatal strangulation in acute and emergency care services - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/guidelines-for-clinical-management-of-non-fatal-strangulation-in-acute-and-emergency-care-services)

IFAS has collaborated with major royal colleges and associated professional groups to develop comprehensive guidelines for the clinical management of non-fatal strangulation, aiming to provide victims with optimal care promptly and mitigate potential harm.

Strangulation Victim Information Leaflet

[Information Leaflets for Victims - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/information-leaflets-for-victims)

If you, a family member or friend has been affected by strangulation here is what you need to know. Whether you have been strangled once or one hundred times, whether it was today or many years ago, it is never too late to speak to someone. And you will never be wasting anyone's time.

Domestic Homicide Review Analysis Series

[DHR Reports 2024 - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/dhr-reports-2024)

Explore the profound impact of strangulation and suffocation in the context of domestic homicide reviews (DHRs). The first report in this series is an analysis of 16 DHRs where the method of killing was suffocation or smothering. The second report in this series is an analysis of DHRs with a history of non-fatal strangulation. Further reports in this series are to follow.

Police Report Data: Strangulation and Suffocation Offences June 2022 – June 2023

[Strangulation and Suffocation Offences Police Data Report 2024 - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/strangulation-and-suffocation-offences-police-data-report-2024)

Following the introduction of Strangulation and Suffocation legislation in June 2022, this report provides a descriptive analysis of key findings from 23,817 police reports over the first year of the offence.

All IFAS Resources

[Resources Archive - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/resources-archive)



# Institute For Addressing Strangulation

## Upcoming Events

IFAS is very pleased to announce that its next webinar series on Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS) will take place in the autumn from 10 September to 05 November 2024.

The dates and sessions are as follows:

Webinar 1	Tue 10 September 19:00 – 20:00	NFS: What every good forensic clinician needs to know
Webinar 2	Mon 16 September 11:00 – 12:00	Clinical Management of Acute NFS
Webinar 3	Tue 24 September 12:00 – 13:00	NFS and Radiological Imaging
Webinar 4	Tue 01 October 12:00 – 13:00	NFS and the impact on the brain
Webinar 5	Tue 08 October 10:00 – 12:00	Investigating and Prosecuting NFS
Webinar 6	Tues 05 November 15:00 – 16:00	Strangulation and sexual health

These sessions are free to attend. If you would like to book your place, click here: <https://fflm.ac.uk/event/institute-for-addressing-strangulation-autumn-2024-webinar-series>



**Thank you for attending this year's conference**

**We look forward to welcoming you to Liverpool for next year's conference on Friday 09 and Saturday 10 May 2025**

**Save the date!**