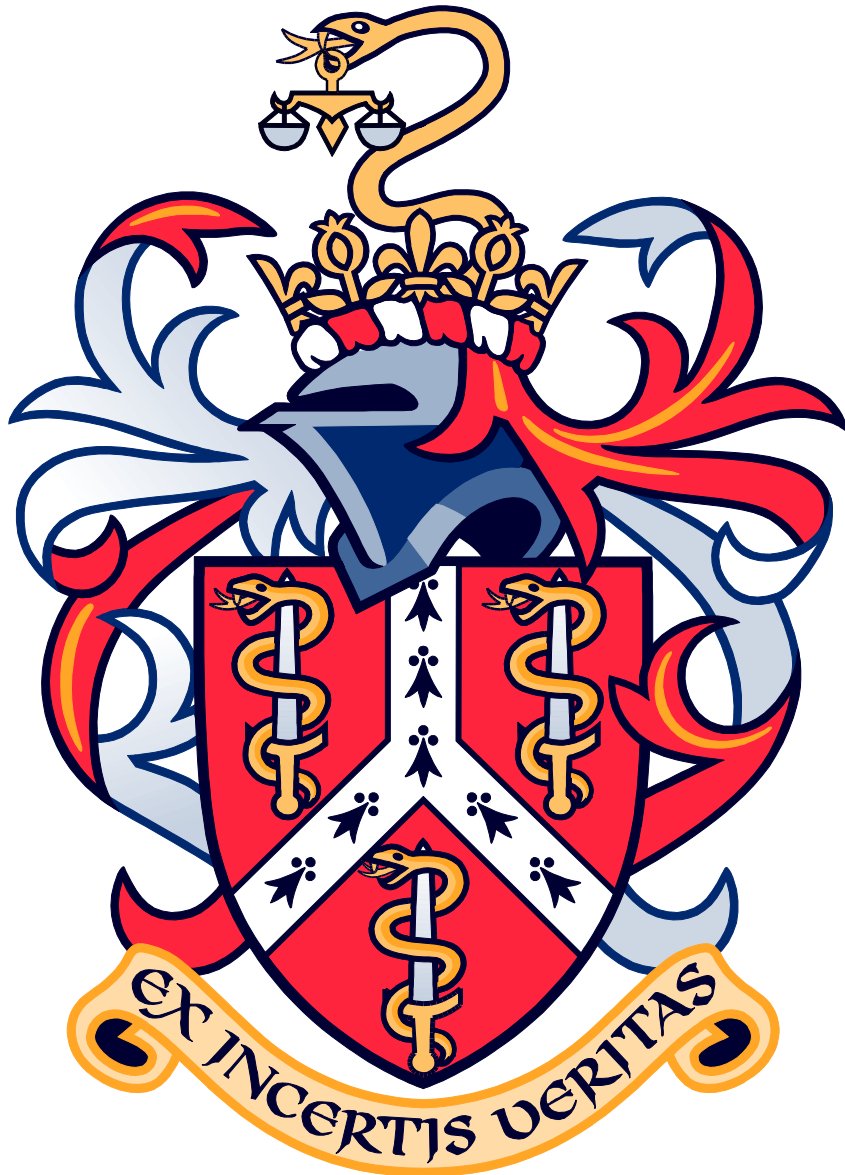


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

Virtual Adult Safeguarding Day



Tuesday 01 April 2025

Microsoft Teams

Welcome

Welcome to our fourth Adult Safeguarding meeting. Following the success of our previous events, we are excited to host this day once again.

As you'll see in the meeting booklet, we have a fantastic programme lined up. We are deeply grateful to our speakers for generously dedicating their time to support the FFLM.

We hope you find the meeting both enjoyable and informative. The FFLM always values constructive feedback on our events, and we will provide a feedback form at the end of the day. We encourage you to complete it, as your input helps us better meet future needs. Additionally, we welcome any suggestions for topics and speakers for upcoming meetings.

With best wishes

Dr Elisabeth Alton and Prof Margaret Stark
Course Organisers

Programme

Session chaired by Prof Margaret Stark

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| 09:50 – 10:00 | Welcome |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | European Council of Legal Medicine (ECLM) Guidelines for the Examination of Suspected Elder Abuse
Prof Eva Keller, Department of Forensic and Insurance Medicine, Semmelweis University |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Overburden and Undervalue of the Consultee: Case based learning
Abigail Combes, Deputy Director Governance, Legal and Regulatory Functions, Humber and North Yorkshire ICB and Assistant Coroner, South Yorkshire |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | Learning From Cases of Elderly Domestic Abuse
Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named GP Safeguarding Adults and Clinical Lead, Humber Forensic Prototype |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Panel Discussion |
| 13:00 – 13:45 | <i>Break for Lunch</i> |
| 13:45 – 14:30 | Working with the Police to Protect Vulnerable Adults
Detective Chief Inspector Matt Hogg, Metropolitan Police Service
Superintendent Lisa Parker, Metropolitan Police Service |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Evaluating the Humber Forensic Prototype
Caroline White, Research Fellow, University of Hull |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | The Opioid Crisis in North America
Prof Chris Milroy, Forensic Pathologist and Professor, University of Ottawa |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Panel Discussion and Closing Comments |

Speaker

Prof Eva Keller

Department of Forensic and Insurance Medicine, Semmelweis University

European Council of Legal Medicine (ECLM) Guidelines for the Examination of Suspected Elder Abuse

Eva Keller is a full Professor at the Semmelweis University Department of Forensic and Insurance Medicine, in Budapest, Hungary, where she has been employed for over thirty years.

Dr Keller received her medical degree at the Semmelweis University in 1981 and has specialized in anatomic pathology and forensic and insurance medicine. She is a Board Member of the European Council of Legal Medicine, International Academy of Legal Medicine.

Dr Keller is a lecturer of international repute and has given several professional lectures and presentations, some as far afield as America, Hungary, Germany, Finland and Sweden. She was an invited lecturer at the Eye to Eye Conference: The Global Conference on Cultural Relations.

Dr Keller gained her PhD in cardiac pathology and her scientific interest later turned to drug abuse.

Dr Keller is a well-known forensic expert whose specialty is insurance fraud related cases.

Speaker

Abigail Combes

Deputy Director Governance, Legal and Regulatory Functions, Humber and North Yorkshire ICB and Assistant Coroner, South Yorkshire

Senior lawyer working in house for an NHS organisation. Previously employed working in local government and a police force. Also sitting as an Assistant Coroner, first appointed in 2016.

Overburden and Undervalue of the Consultee - Case based learning

The presentation will review the role of the consultee in the context of and treatment decisions under the MCA.

Learning Objective

- Clearer understanding of the role of the consultee in best interests decision making.

Speaker / Course Organiser

Dr Elisabeth Alton



Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named GP Safeguarding Adults and Clinical Lead, Humber Forensic Prototype

Dr Elisabeth Alton started working as a general practitioner in 1989. She was a partner in a practice in Beverley, East Yorkshire from 1998 leaving in 2019 to pursue her interest in adult safeguarding. Elisabeth became a Named GP for Safeguarding Adults in 2014. Completing a Master's degree in Safeguarding Adults and the Law at Keele University created many opportunities locally and nationally. These have included sitting on the National Institute for Clinical Excellence committee responsible for Decision-making and mental capacity (NICE guideline [NG108]) , as well as delivering Mental Capacity Act (2005) training for the National Mental Capacity Forum regarding covid vaccination and best interest decision making during the pandemic.

Recently she has completed a piece of research regarding the interface of primary care, care homes and the difficulties of recognising and reporting abuse. The challenge of recognising non-accidental injuries in safeguarding adults has led to a collaboration with the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine and NHSE&I to improve outcomes for adults at risk of harm. Elisabeth commenced a Doctorate of Professional Practice at Teesside University in 2021. Her doctoral thesis is examining potential non-accidental injuries in vulnerable adults.

Learning From Cases of Elderly Domestic Abuse

The Humber Forensic Prototype aims to provide a documentation and interpretation of injuries sustained by adults at risk of harm. The project is supported by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and NHSE&I. Patients are seen both within the community and residential settings. Cases of domestic abuse have been seen and in this presentation the difficulties this poses are explored. Injuries are described and the difficulties of interpretation and management are described.

Speaker

Detective Chief Inspector Matt Hogg



Metropolitan Police Service

Working with the Police to Protect Vulnerable Adults

A Detective Chief Inspector with over a decade's experience within the Metropolitan Police Service, mostly served within frontline roles and focused on Public Protection. DCI Matthew Hogg currently works in Frontline Policing HQ.

Since July 2022, they have led a range of teams focused on strategic public protection and safeguarding. They are the Deputy Lead Responsible Officer for Adult Safeguarding. In this role, they have developed policies and processes to improve adult safeguarding across London's 32 boroughs, developed and enabled staff across the Met to safeguard the most vulnerable and created strategic partnerships with Adult Social Care and SABs.

Alongside this key role, they lead the Dedicated Inspection Team. This role encompasses auditing investigations across various themes including child exploitation, missing persons, and domestic abuse, while ensuring comprehensive quality assurance and organisational learning, working with stakeholders across the organisation to improve findings and performance. Prior to this he led Operation Aegis, a Met-wide change programme to improve operational efficiency and process improvements across Public Protection.

Before becoming a Detective Chief Inspector, he served as a Detective Inspector in Camden and Islington leading complex investigations and developing proactive, preventative strategies across Child Exploitation, Missing Persons, and Predatory Offenders.

Throughout their career, they have consistently focused on enhancing public protection, collaborating with others, and driving strategic improvements across the Metropolitan Police Service.

Speaker

Superintendent Lisa Parker



Metropolitan Police Service

A Superintendent with 19 years' experience within the Metropolitan Police Service. Superintendent Parker has served in operational roles all her service, latterly with a focus on Public Protection. She is currently the Lead Responsible Officer (LRO) for Mental Health, Adult Safeguarding and Suicide Prevention for the Met. She works in Frontline Policing HQ.

Since May 2024, she has led a range of teams focused on strategic public protection, mental health, suicide prevention and safeguarding. Alongside her deputy, DCI Matthew Hogg, Superintendent Parker has developed policies and processes to improve adult safeguarding across London's 32 boroughs, developed and enabled staff across the Met to safeguard the most vulnerable and created strategic partnerships with Adult Social Care and SABs.

Before taking on the role of LRO, Superintendent Parker was the co-chair of the London Borough of Newham's Child Safeguarding Practice Review Group, a role she held for over 5 years. Alongside this work she led North East BCU's Missing and Exploitation Team.

Working with the Police to Protect Vulnerable Adults

- To outline the importance of multi-agency collaboration in adult safeguarding.
- To explain the safeguarding process and police procedures.
- To explore common safeguarding scenarios and indicators.
- To discuss issues identified in Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).
- To provide actionable strategies for professionals to collaborate effectively with police and Adult Social Care (ASC).

Speaker

Caroline White

Research Fellow, University of Hull

Caroline White is a researcher based in the Hull York Medical School at the University of Hull. She has a long-standing interest in abuse in care settings. This includes a focus on how practitioners recognise signs of abuse and neglect, and the challenges in so doing, as well as work to identify early indicators of abuse in care homes for people with learning disabilities and for older people. She is currently leading an evaluation of the Humber Forensic Prototype Service for adult safeguarding, focusing on multi-professional perspectives on the service. In addition to research interests in abuse and neglect, she conducts research in diverse areas of health and social care, including an interest in the experiences of families and friends who provide care and support, including providing care from a distance, and in the experiences of homecare workers providing care at end-of-life.

Evaluating the Humber Forensic Pilot – Reflections from two evaluations

This presentation will outline the work which has been undertaken during two evaluations of the Humber Forensic Service for Adult Safeguarding, and will share selected findings. These will focus on data on incoming referrals to the service; how forensic expertise can support safeguarding decision making; the importance of multi-agency working within this context. The study presents data collected from interviews with safeguarding social workers and a forensic medical examiner, and includes reflections from both professional groups about the role and value of a forensic service within adult safeguarding. This includes enabling both the identification of cases where abuse is probable and ongoing safeguarding work is required, as well as cases in which alternative interpretations for injuries are given reducing the need for long-term safeguarding input.

Learning Objective

- To enhance understanding of the role of forensic expertise within the context of adult safeguarding.

Speaker

Prof Chris Milroy



Forensic Pathologist and Professor, University of Ottawa

Christopher Milroy is a Forensic Pathologist based in Ottawa, Canada and a Full Professor at the University of Ottawa. He qualified in Medicine from The University of Liverpool in England in 1983. After training in Clinical and Anatomical Pathology in Liverpool, Bristol and at University College London, he trained in Forensic Pathology at the University of Sheffield. He is a Fellow of the UK Royal College of Pathologists, a Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine and of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, where he holds Founder status in Forensic Pathology. He also has two law degrees from the University of London. He was a Forensic Pathologist in the UK until 2008 when he moved to Ottawa. He is the current Editor of Academic Forensic Pathology and has published over 130 peer reviewed papers and chapters and is one of the 30 most cited authors in forensic medicine in the world. Along with Professor Whitwell and Dr. Du Plessis he edited and co-wrote the second edition of Forensic Neuropathology (CRC Press) published in 2021.

His academic interests include the use of the autopsy in research, drug related deaths, alcoholism and diabetes mellitus and the history of forensic and legal medicine. He was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire on June 2023 by King Charles III for services to Forensic Pathology.

The Opioid Crisis in North America

Since around 2016 there has been an increasing number of deaths related to opioid misuse, principally fentanyl. In 2023 there were over 100,000 deaths in the USA related to drug misuse. In Canada there are 21 deaths per day from opioid use with significant numbers attending also Emergency rooms and being admitted to hospital. The presentation discusses different patterns of drug use and the interaction of medical disease and drug use. The presentation also examines the response of the criminal justice system in the USA and Canada to drug related deaths, where prosecutions are conducted for manslaughter, unlike in England and Wales

Learning Objective

- To understand the opioid crisis in North America and its impact on health care and the legal system.

Chair / Course Organiser

Prof Margaret M Stark



Consultant Forensic Physician

Margaret Stark has been a forensic physician since 1989, a specialist in forensic & legal medicine, and an expert witness. 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.

She is Chair of the Forensic Science Sub-Committee of the FFLM. She is a Past-President of the FFLM 2019-2021 and was the Founding Academic Dean 2006-2011. 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 has written extensively in the field and edited the textbook: Clinical Forensic Medicine – A physician's guide, now in its 4th edition, as well as contributing over 40 chapters to a variety of publications including the Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine and Forensic and Legal Medicine - Clinical and Pathological Aspects. She is also a co-author of Symptoms & Signs of Substance Use, a fourth edition to be published in 2025.

Upcoming Events



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Royal Liver Suite, Liverpool
Friday 09 - Saturday 10 May 2025

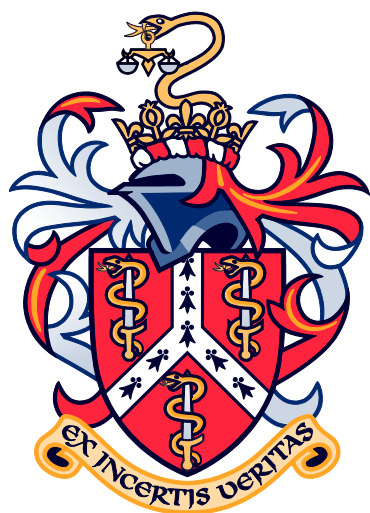
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person or
virtually!

Register today to secure your place
[www.fflm.ac.uk/annual-conference-2025](https://fflm.ac.uk/annual-conference-2025)

This year's Annual Conference will celebrate the Faculty's 20th anniversary and will be held at the Royal Liver Suite in Liverpool. You can join us either in person in Liverpool or virtually.

The theme for 2025 will be Miscarriages of Justice. To delve into this topic, we've invited a selection of insightful speakers, many of whom will offer alternative perspectives. By stepping outside our comfort zones and challenging ideas, we can avoid the risk of confirmation bias, and we look forward to fostering engaging debates among both speakers and delegates.

For more details and to reserve your spot, click here:
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