

# FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

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## Scene Examination

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### Learning Objectives

- Understand the different types of scene
- Understand the different roles of an FME and pathologist at a scene of death
- Understand the limits of any scene examination
- Understand the roles of others at a scene of death
- Be aware of how information may be used
- Be aware of health and safety aspects

### Presenter

#### Prof Richard Shepherd



Richard Shepherd has been a Consultant Forensic Pathologist and he was a Home Office registered forensic pathologist for over 35 years. In those years he has performed over 23000 examinations and given evidence in Courts both in the UK and abroad many thousands of times. He has been Senior Lecturer at Guy's Hospital and St George's Hospitals in London and a Visiting Professor at both City University London and Chester University. He moved to the North West of the UK in 2004 and worked there until he retired from the Home Office Register in April 2017. He has also worked in Eire as a locum at the State Pathologist's Office and in the Channel Islands as well as in more distant parts of the world including Nigeria, Zambia, Bali, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Barbados and the Falkland Islands.

He has held several advisory and legal posts in addition to his "routine" work as a Forensic Pathologist including an appointment to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal Panel for 10 years. He has also worked as an expert for Independent Advisory Panel for the Ministerial Board on Deaths in Custody and as a member of an Independent Review into Self-Inflicted Deaths in Custody of 18-24 year olds. "The Harris Review". His interest in the pathology of restraint and restraint related deaths resulted in appointments to the Ministerial Review of Restraint in Youth and Child Custody ("Minimising and managing physical restraint") and to an Independent Advisory Panel on non-compliance management in immigration removals. His

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interest in aviation resulted in an appointment as Civilian Expert Adviser (Forensic Medicine) to the Royal Air Force.

He was also primarily involved in the management of the Hungerford shootings, the Clapham Train accident, the Marchioness disaster, the London bombings of 7/7 and the 2010 Whitehaven spree shootings in Cumbria and was appointed as the Forensic Expert to The Bloody Sunday Inquiry, Lord Steven's Inquiry into deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Mr Dodi Al Fayed and the subsequent Inquest. He also advised HM Treasury Solicitor into death of Dr David Kelly and he was the UK Forensic Expert following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Bali bombings.

His autobiography "Unnatural Causes" was published in the UK by Penguin in September 2018 and has frequently been in the Sunday Times Paperback Best Sellers list and it is now available in 15 other countries. He is currently writing his next book but he would prefer to be walking in the hills with his wife and dogs.