

Covid-19 & Custody

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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 for one of the forensic private providers.

Throughout his career he has been passionate about standards and training and this has translated into his current role as Assistant Registrar for the FFLM. 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 number of national committees including the NPCC Clinical Advice Panel and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (Wales) Council.

He currently 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 has recently been appointed as a Medical Examiner for South East Wales.

Learning Objectives

- Review history of COVID 19 pandemic
- Review pathophysiology of COVID 19
- Review challenges in tailoring traditional healthcare guidance to custody settings
- Describe the reasoning behind decisions taken
- Discuss challenges encountered in applying the guidance

