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Learning Objectives

- Explain the requirements for the LFFLM GFM & SOM examinations including the convergence of the ASET and the LFFLM (briefly)
- Demonstrate the role of an Educational Supervisor (ES) for the Licentiate examination – how they can help with the portfolio
- Describe models of providing effective feedback
- Summarise the common pitfalls with the portfolio
- Outline how to deal with problem learners

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I am Dr Christine Greenshaw, a Forensic Physician and Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in safeguarding children and young people and sexual offence medicine.

I started my medical career in Germany as a paediatrician. After coming to live in the UK, I worked at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, where my job involved examining children jointly with forensic examiners at the Rainbow Centre. This got me interested in Forensic Medicine, and in 2000 I joined the Sexual Offence and Child Abuse Panel (SOCAP) of the Merseyside Police. As a result, the number of Court appearances I was required to make increased and I felt it was important to further my forensic education. I took the Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence of the Society of Apothecaries. When the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM) was established, I became a member and subsequently a fellow.

In 2015, I became Clinical Lead of the Safe Place Merseyside, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Liverpool, before helping to develop the children and young people’s SARC, at the Haven’s, at King’s College Hospital and subsequently the first UK Child House, the Lighthouse, in Camden, supported by the University College Hospital in London as one of several organisations.

As former Deputy Chief Examiner for the FFLM, and now continue as a member of the Faculty’s team of examiners, I help to raise and maintain standards of forensic medical practice. I very much hope that I can convince and support interested colleagues, in particular paediatricians, to obtain a FFLM qualification.

Dr Margaret Stark



Margaret Stark is President of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM). She is the Chairman of the Forensic Science Sub-Committee, Lead Facilitator for the Faculty’s course in General Forensic Medicine, and an educational advisor for the Faculty’s examinations. She has been a forensic physician for over 31 years, currently working with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). She was the first Medical Director of the Forensic Healthcare Service in London and was also the Director of the Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit for NSW Police, based in Sydney, from 2011 – 2014.

She has a Master of Science in Medical Education from UCL, and a Master in Law from Cardiff and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She was the Founding Academic Dean for the FFLM and was awarded the David Jenkins Professorship in Forensic and Legal Medicine 2011/12 and was an Adjunct Professor at Sydney University from 2012-2015. She has written extensively in the field and is Editor of ‘Clinical Forensic Medicine’, the fourth edition published in January 2020. She has been the ‘rapporteur’ on the five editions of the ‘Blue Guidelines’ - Substance use disorders in detainees in police custody – guidelines on clinical management. Report of a medical working group.

She has been involved in a number of qualitative and quantitative research projects on a range of topics including custodial care, forensic science, death certification, education and training, injuries and the use of force, substance misuse, and traffic medicine, including the UK Government research into cannabis and driving.