

COVID-19 in Custody and SARCs: Update - Tuesday 13 April 2021

Dr Alex Gorton



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 one of the 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.

Dr Catherine White OBE



Dr Catherine White is an experienced forensic physician who has worked in forensic medicine since 1995. She specialises in examination of women, men and children following an allegation of rape or sexual assault and takes a local, national and international lead in the development, training and regulation of services for sexual assault victims / complainants.

Clinical Director of the St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2003 – present). St. Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, was the first SARC in the UK. It has had over 31,000 clients with approximately 1500 forensic medical examinations per year.

Lead for Sexual Offence Medicine for the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.

Member of the Academic Committee and the Forensic Science Subcommittee for Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.

Member of National Police Chiefs' Council Rape Working Group and National SARC Steering Group.

Honoured on the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2014 with an OBE for services to Vulnerable People.