

# Expert Evidence: Questions and Answers - Monday 24 May 2021

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Keith Rix's involvement in the forensic field began in the 1960's when he lived in hostels in London with ex-offenders and assessed prisoners for hostel admission. Whilst a senior lecturer in psychiatry in Leeds he became a visiting consultant psychiatrist at HM Prison, Leeds, and established the Leeds Magistrates' Court Mental Health Assessment and Diversion Scheme and the city's forensic psychiatry service. He has provided expert evidence to courts and tribunals for over 38 years, including on a pro bono basis in capital cases in the Caribbean and Africa. He is the editor of A Handbook for Trainee Psychiatrists and co-editor of Rix's Expert Psychiatric Evidence. He is Visiting Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of Chester, Honorary Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Lead, Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

## Learning Objectives

- Understand how the courts resolve disputes
- Be able to identify the different categories of expert evidence
- Understand what qualifies a doctor as a medical expert witness
- Learn about some recent judgments that affect expert witness practice

