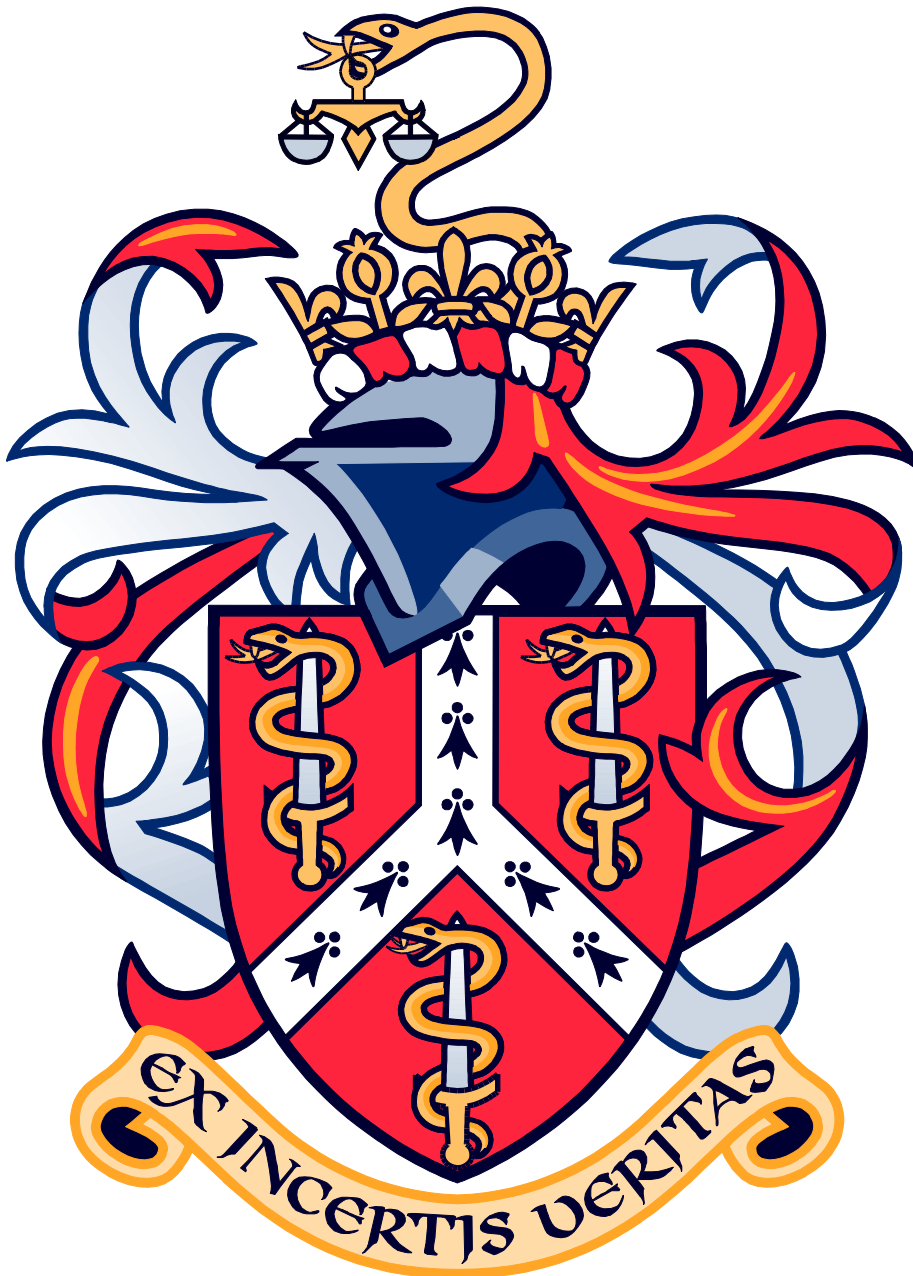


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

# Virtual Adult Safeguarding



**Saturday 23 April 2022**

Microsoft Teams

# Welcome

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Welcome to today's Adult Safeguarding meeting – the first the FFLM has run.

We do hope that you will enjoy the day. We have a great variety of speakers lined up - we thank them for supporting the FFLM and giving up their time freely today. We would also like to thank NHSE&I for sponsoring today's meeting.

The FFLM always welcomes constructive feedback on its courses: we will circulate a feedback form at the end of the day. We hope you will take the opportunity to complete this form, so we can best address your needs.

We also welcome suggestions for topics and speakers for future meetings.

With best wishes

Dr Elisabeth Alton and Dr Sheila Paul  
Course Organisers

# Programme

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*Morning session chaired by Dr Elisabeth Alton*

- 09:50 – 10:00     ***Introduction***
- 10:00 – 10:45     ***Findings of Fact in the Court of Protection***  
Jacqueline Thomas QC, Joint Head of Chambers, Spire Barristers
- 10:45 – 11:30     ***Working with the Police to Achieve the Desired Outcome in Adult Safeguarding***  
DCI Craig Nicholson, Humberside Police Major Crime Team
- 11:30 – 11:45     *Break*
- 11:45 – 12:30     ***A Criminal Case of Elder Abuse: Differentiating between Accidental and Non-Accidental Injuries***  
Prof Margaret Stark, Immediate Past President, FFLM
- 12:30 – 13:00     ***Panel Discussion***
- 13:00 – 13:45     *Break for Lunch*
- Afternoon session chaired by Dr Sheila Paul*
- 13:45 – 14:30     ***Putting the Jigsaw Together in Cases of Physical Abuse***  
Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named Doctor for Adult Safeguarding
- 14:30 – 15:15     ***Poor Care or Neglect?***  
Mrs Sally Robinson, District Crown Prosecutor and HM Assistant Coroner
- 15:15 – 15:30     ***Group Discussion***
- 15:30 – 16:00     ***Questions and closing comments***

# Speakers

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## Jacqueline Thomas QC



### **Joint Head of Chambers, Spire Barristers**

Jacqueline Thomas QC - Court of Protection and Family Barrister based at Spire Barristers, Leeds. Recorder in the Family Court.

Publications – Transitions from children’s to adult social care – A practitioners guide (Law brief) and Reforming the Family Court – Lexis. Jacqueline has an LLM in Adult Safeguarding, Law, Policy and Practice and is currently studying for a Masters degree in Medical Law.

### **Findings of Fact in the Court of Protection**

The seminar will consider what lawyers mean when they refer to Findings of Fact, and how these differ from safeguarding enquiries. We will look at what practitioners should expect in terms of the scrutiny of record keeping, and how to present their findings in court.

# Speakers

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## DCI Craig Nicholson



### **Humberside Police Major Crime Team**

DCI Craig Nicholson is a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) with Humberside Police, currently working within the Major Crime Team in Hull.

Craig has over 22 years of policing experience, 20 as a detective, and has spent over 15 years undertaking and managing serious adult and child safeguarding investigations; including largescale enquiries into residential care providers.

In addition to working as a senior detective, Craig is also a Hostage & Crisis Negotiator Coordinator, and is actively involved in dynamic suicide intervention and managing the negotiator response to people in crisis.

### **Working with the Police to Achieve the Desired Outcome in Adult Safeguarding**

Overview of what the Police look for in safeguarding investigations including:

- Examples of types of investigation;
- Sources of evidence;
- Importance of information sharing and partnership working;
- Common issues.

# Speakers

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## **Prof Margaret M Stark**



### **Immediate Past President, FFLM**

Margaret Stark is the Immediate Past President of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (FFLM). She is Chair 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 nearly 33 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. 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 is Editor of 'Clinical Forensic Medicine' A Physician's Guide, the fourth edition published in 2020. She is a Visiting Professor of Teesside University.

### **A Criminal Case of Elder Abuse: Differentiating between Accidental and Non-Accidental Injuries**

Learning Objectives: Review the definition and types of elder abuse. Discuss possible differentiation between accidental and non-accidental injuries. Outline the requirements for a criminal prosecution.

# Speakers

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**Mrs Sally Robinson**

**District Crown Prosecutor and HM Assistant Coroner**

Biologist by degree, experienced in care work in a former life both in educational settings and adult social care and now lawyer by profession. I joined the CPS in 2006 in Humberside and prosecuted in the magistrates court until I moved to Eastern CPS in 2018 and became District Crown Prosecutor for Cambridgeshire Magistrates Court. I was appointed as Assistant Coroner in Hull and East Riding in 2017 and have been involved with adult safeguarding and child deaths as part of that role.

**Poor Care or Neglect?**

A discussion about the role of the CPS in prosecuting cases where care has gone wrong concentrating on the care worker offences but touching upon familial assaults and also neglect in the coroner's court.

# Speaker / Course Organiser

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## Dr Elisabeth Alton



### **Named Doctor for Adult Safeguarding**

Elisabeth started working as a general practitioner in 1989. She was a partner in a practice in Beverley from 1998 leaving recently to pursue her interest in adult safeguarding. Elisabeth became a named GP for safeguarding adults in 2014. Completing a Master's degree in Safeguarding adults and the law at Keele University created many opportunities. A particular interest in the MCA led to her sitting on the NICE Decision-making and Mental Capacity guideline committee [NG108], as well as representing primary care on the National Mental Capacity Forum senior leadership committee. Recently she has completed a piece of research regarding the interface of primary care, care homes and the difficulties of recognising and reporting abuse.

The challenge of recognising non-accidental injuries in safeguarding adults has led to a collaboration with the FFLM and NHSE&I to improve outcomes for adults at risk of harm. This work is on-going.

### **Putting the Jigsaw Together in Cases of Physical Abuse**

This presentation will be built round a case while considering research on non-accidental injuries in adults at risk of harm.



# Chair / Course Organiser

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## Dr Sheila Paul



## Forensic Physician

Soon after qualifying as a GP, I worked for the US Army in Germany.

Returning to the UK after 6 years, I have been ½ time GP Principal in South Bucks from 1988 to 2017, then GP in ED until May 2019.

My “portfolio career”, has included cardiology research; surgical clinics; working as a GP with homeless people in London; being medical officer of a drug and alcohol team; 13 years in A and E, alongside GP work. My love is working with the vulnerable.

Since 1993 I have worked as a Forensic Physician for Thames Valley Police. Leaving general forensic work with contracting out 6 years ago, I continue as Clinical Director of the Thames Valley Sexual Assault Service.

I am medical advisor for CoraamBAAF and work with the Looked After Children team.

I work as an expert witness in the UK.

I have contributed to many national documents and guidelines, both from the FFLM and the RCPCH; been one of the authors of the “purple book” both editions and am involved in the 3rd edition; Service Specifications from the RCPCH and FFLM two editions; published papers following research done; taught multiagency, police, and health professionals for many years.

I am on the FFLM Research Subcommittee and an FFLM examiner.

# Upcoming Events

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## Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Friday 06 and Saturday 07 May 2022  
Royal College of Pathologists, London



Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be at the Royal College of Pathologists, London and will include a range of expert speakers, as well as the Annual General Meeting, David Jenkins Lecture and Gala Dinner.

The focus of this year's conference is *Collaborating across Forensic & Legal Medicine*.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr Iain Brew, National Deputy Medical Director (Health in Justice), Practice Plus Group
- Prof Michael Freeman, Faculty of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences, Maastricht University
  - Ms Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner
  - Mr Henry Marsh CBE, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon
- Dr Maria Nittis, Head of Service – Clinical Forensic Medicine, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine
- Prof Gillian Tully CBE, Professor of Practice for Forensic Science Policy and Regulation, King's College London
  - Dr Cath White OBE, Sexual Offence Lead, FFLM
- Prof Nairn Wilson CBE, President Emeritus of the College of General Dentistry

Please visit [www.film.ac.uk](http://www.film.ac.uk) for further information.

# Upcoming Events

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## **FFLM webinars - The Assisted Dying Bill Wednesday 27 April at 13:00**

Presented by Lee Biddle, Partner, BLM Law

Free for FFLM Members (Affiliates, Associates, Fellows, Licentiates and Members) to attend.

## **FFLM Webinars – Making Connections: the link between violence to people and violence to animals Tuesday 10 May at 19:00**

Presented by Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust.

This webinar is free for FFLM Members (Affiliates, Associates, Fellows, Licentiates and Members) to attend

Please visit <https://fflm.ac.uk/events> for further information.



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