



# Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2023

The Principal Hotel, York

The 3 R's – Regulation, Risk and Research in  
Forensic and Legal Medicine

**Friday 12 May 2023**

*Morning session chaired by Dr Alex Gorton*

**Faculty of Forensic  
& Legal Medicine**

of the Royal College of Physicians

08:15 – 08:45 *Registration*

08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome**  
Prof Paul Marks, FFLM President

09:00 – 09:45 **The Introduction of the Forensic Science Regulator  
Statutory Code**  
Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris, Head of Office, Forensic  
Science Regulator

09:45 – 10:45 **David Jenkins Lecture**  
Prof Jonathan Harris, Academy Lead, Northern Care Alliance  
NHS Group

10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments*

*Mid-morning session chaired by Dr Bernadette Butler*

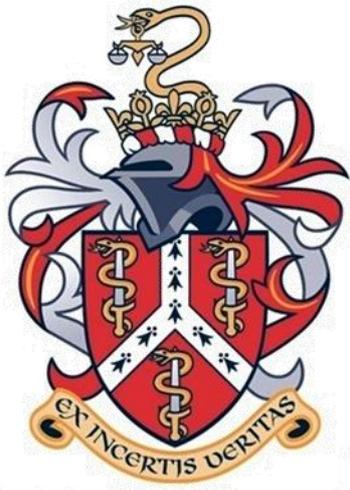
11:15 – 11:45 **The Institute for Addressing Strangulation**  
Dr Cath White OBE, Medical Director, Institute for  
Addressing Strangulation

11:45 – 12:15 **Mental Health Inquests**  
Prof Paul Marks, FFLM President

12:15 – 12:45 **Understanding how and why we fail people with  
Personality Disorders**  
Dr Russell Green, Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical  
Director For Mental Health and Substance Misuse, Practice  
Plus Group

12:45 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*



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### 14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**

| Forensic Medicine  | Legal Medicine  |
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| <b>Identifying the Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse – an evidence based approach</b><br>Dr Sheila Paul, Clinical Lead, Lead for Children, Thames Valley Sexual Assault Service | <b>Article 2 Inquests</b><br>Prof Andrew Harris, Senior Coroner, London Inner South |

### 14:45 – 15:30 **Parallel Sessions**

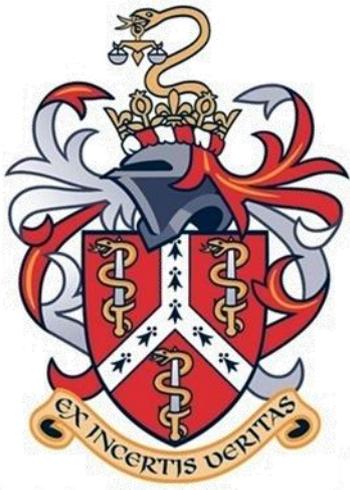
| Forensic Medicine  | Legal Medicine                  |
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| <b>Investigating serious adverse incidents in complex systems</b><br>Prof Taj Nathan, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist | <b>Regulatory Update</b><br>GMC |

15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments*

16:00 – 17:30 **Annual General Meeting**

19:30 – 20:00 **Drinks Reception**

20:00 – 23:59 **Gala Dinner**



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08:30 – 08:50 *Registration*

08:50 – 09:00 **Welcome back - Introduction to the day**  
Prof Paul Marks, FFLM Immediate Past President

09:00 – 09:45 **Practical Ethics**  
Dr Michael Devlin, Head of Professional Standards and  
Liaison, MDU

09:45 – 10:30 **The Humber Pilot Project - Providing a forensic service  
for adults at risk of harm**  
Dr Elisabeth Alton, GP and Named Doctor for Adult  
Safeguarding

10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshments*

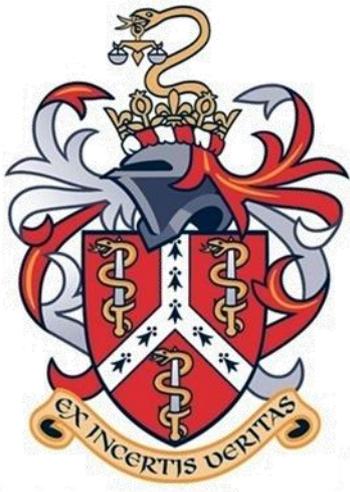
*Mid-morning session chaired by Dr Helena Thornton*

11:00 – 11:45 **The link between violence to people and violence to  
animals**  
Dr Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust and Chair,  
The Links Group  
Kate Richards, Senior Vice President, Royal College of  
Veterinary Surgeons

11:45 – 12:15 **The Drive Project**  
Viv Bickham, Drive Practice Adviser  
Luke Kendall, Drive Practice Adviser

12:15 – 12:45 **Developments in Domestic Abuse Risk Identification  
and Assessment**  
Bernie Ryan OBE, Chief Executive, Institute for Addressing  
Strangulation

12:45 – 13:15 **Panel Discussion**



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13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*

*Student Poster Session: posters displayed in breakout area*

*Afternoon Session chaired by Mr Brian Westbury*

14:15 – 15:00 **Q&A Panel on Expert Evidence**

Prof Keith Rix, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence

Prof Margaret Stark, Consultant Forensic Physician

Dr Anton van Dellen, Barrister & Assistant Registrar, FFLM

15:00 – 15:30 **The SARC Accreditation Process**

Michelle Gaskell, Quality Specialist, NPCC Forensic Capability Network

15:30 – 15:45 *Refreshments*

15:45 – 16:30 **An Introduction to Research**

Prof Michael Freeman, Faculty of Health, Medicine, & Life Sciences, Maastricht University

16:30 – 16:55 **SR Johnson Presentation**

Winner of the student prize

**Poster Prize Presentation**

Dr Bernadette Butler, FFLM President

16:55 – 17:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Dr Bernadette Butler, FFLM President

*All details in this programme are subject to alteration without notice*