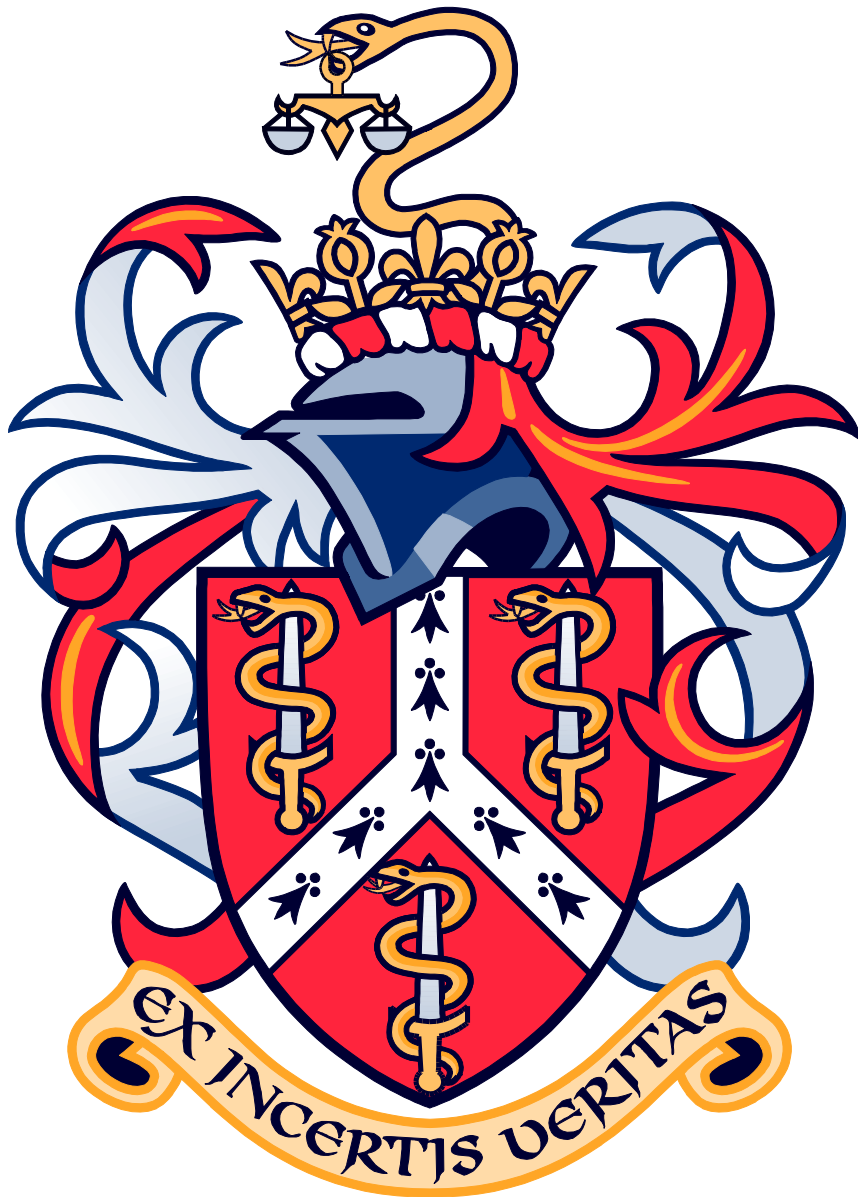


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

Virtual Adult Safeguarding

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Tuesday 18 April 2023

Microsoft Teams

Welcome

Welcome to our second Adult Safeguarding meeting. After the success of last year's meeting, we are delighted to be able to run this again with the support of NHSE&I.

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 for giving up their time freely today.

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 Prof Margaret Stark
Course Organisers

Programme

Morning session chaired by Dr Elisabeth Alton

- 09:50 – 10:00 ***Introduction***
- 10:00 – 10:45 ***Inherent Jurisdiction – “the great safety net”***
Polly Sweeney, Partner, Rook Irwin Sweeney LLP
Learning objective: When to consider and use the inherent jurisdiction with case examples
- 10:45 – 11:30 ***The Forensic Challenges of Evidence Preservation, Recovery and Process***
Tania Hammond, Senior Lecturer in Policing, University of the West of England, Bristol
Learning objectives: Identifying the challenges of evidence preservation, recovery and process. Discussing the parameters of the evidence and a multi-discipline approach to safeguarding adults
- 11:30 – 11:45 ***Break***
- 11:45 – 12:30 ***Domestic Homicide Reviews and Adults At Risk From Harm***
Mark Yexley, Associate Chair, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse and Independent Chair, Domestic Homicide Reviews
Learning objective: Understanding the added complexities when a victim of domestic abuse is an adult with care and support needs
- 12:30 – 13:00 ***Panel Discussion***
- 13:00 – 13:45 ***Break for Lunch***
- Afternoon session chaired by Prof Margaret Stark*
- 13:45 – 14:30 ***The Humber Forensic Project - What Have We Learnt?***
Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named GP Safeguarding Adults Humber and North Yorkshire ICS, Clinical Lead Forensic Project
Learning objectives: What groups of adults are vulnerable, what type of injuries do they sustain, and how to engage the multi-disciplinary team for better outcomes
- 14:30 – 15:15 ***The Pathologists Perspective and Limitations of the Post Mortem***
Dr Anna Rycroft, Consultant Autopsy Pathologist
Learning objective: What can the views of a pathologist add and what are the limitations of postmortem findings
- 15:15 – 15:30 ***Panel Discussion***
- 15:30 – 16:00 ***Questions and closing comments***

Speakers

Polly Sweeney



Partner, Rook Irwin Sweeney LLP

Polly is an award winning and nationally recognised expert in public law and human rights with a strong commitment to access to justice and promoting the rights of vulnerable people.

She specialises in education law, community care, healthcare and medical treatment, and cases in the Court of Protection, and has a particular interest in cases involving children and young people. She is an Accredited Legal Representative under the Law Society’s Mental Capacity (Welfare) Scheme and able to act for individuals in applications challenging the deprivation of their liberty.

Polly was Chair of the Law Society’s Mental Health and Disability Committee from 2019 to 2022, and is a contributing author to the leading Legal Action Group publication – Disabled Children Handbook (2nd and 3rd editions). She regularly provides training to organisations as well as individuals, promoting awareness of legal rights and duties. She has been asked to give oral evidence to a number of parliamentary groups.

Polly was named “Gazette Legal Personality of the Year” at the Law Society’s Excellence Awards 2020 for her ‘high profile campaigning role in litigation to maintain the educational rights of children with special educational needs’. She was named Solicitor of the Year at Bristol Law Society Awards in 2014 and Assistant / Associate of the Year at Birmingham Law Society Awards in 2012. Polly was profiled in the Law Society Gazette in September 2021 about her journey into public law and human rights.

Inherent Jurisdiction – “the great safety net”

Polly will discuss the use of the High Court’s inherent jurisdiction in relation to vulnerable adults using case examples.

Speakers

Tania Hammond

Senior Lecturer in Policing, University of the West of England

Tania holds an honours degree in Chemistry from the University of Sheffield and graduated with first year Mathematics. She joined Avon and Somerset Police in 1995 as a frontline police staff Crime Scene Investigator (CSI), later being promoted to Supervisor and a Crime Scene Manager, for the last 14 years of her Policing career served as a Manager and Forensic Crime Scene Coordinator. Avon and Somerset Police are now part of the South West Forces Forensic Collaboration and as such Tania has experience of collaborative regional services and has regularly worked with police personnel from all over the South West Region.

Tania's role included line management responsibility for the team of Supervisors and CSIs in the Bristol CSI hub and responsibility for the management of all forensic aspects of volume, serious and major crime investigations. She has worked closely with Local Police Management, Criminal Investigations Department (CID) and the Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT), implementing bespoke forensic strategies and policy throughout the Region.

As part of Tania's operational role, she has been involved in many serious and major crime inquiries over the course of her 25-year career, from aggravated burglary, arson, sudden unexplained death to murder and child sexual exploitation. She has worked with many experts and specialists from Home Office Pathologists, to Forensic Biologists and Firearms experts to Archaeologists and Fire Investigators, to name but a few. She has assisted Police Officers with scene investigations, forensic submissions as well as the interpretation of results and court appearances.

In 2021 Tania joined the Policing Team at the University of the West of England teaching many aspects of Policing on the Degree Holder Entry Programme, whose policing students are all destined for Detectives within the Avon and Somerset Police CID unit.

The Forensic Challenges of Evidence Preservation, Recovery and Process

Identifying the challenges of evidence preservation, recovery and process. Discussing the parameters of the evidence and a multi-discipline approach to safeguarding adults.

Speakers

Mark Yexley

Associate Chair, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse and Independent Chair, Domestic Homicide Reviews

Domestic Homicide Reviews and Adults At Risk From Harm

Mark is an Associate Chair for Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse, a charity based in West London. He has worked as an Independent Chair of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) for 12 years. He is now chairing his 24th review. Mark has worked for forty years in the domestic abuse sector, providing expertise and knowledge of the issues of domestic abuse and sexual violence to the criminal justice agencies and the NHS. He was the Head of the Strategic and Tactical Intelligence unit for Domestic Violence and Hate Crime, in the Racial and Violent Crime Proactive Task Force, Metropolitan Police. As a member of the Metropolitan Police Authority Domestic and Sexual Violence Board he reviewed borough responses to domestic violence, developing pan-London strategy. As Detective Chief Inspector within Metropolitan Police sexual violence investigation, Mark was the Head of Cold Case Rape Investigation, Chair of Haven Strategic Board and Chair South East Regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Group and member of ACPO Rape Working Group. He has also worked for the past twelve years as a Lay Representative in NHS medical education, Quality Reviews and training as a member of South Thames Foundation School Board, Health Education England and now NHS England. His work covers foundation and medical specialties. Mark holds a University of London MA in History of Science and Medicine and has lectured on Police Culture and Rape Myths and Consent. He has been published on Developments in Investigative Approaches to Rape and Domestic Violence: The Investigative Heritage, in Handbook of Sexual Violence.

Speaker / Course Organiser

Dr Elisabeth Alton



**Named GP Safeguarding Adults Humber and North Yorkshire ICS,
Clinical Lead Forensic Project**

The Humber Forensic Project - What Have We Learnt?

Elisabeth is a named GP for safeguarding adults working for Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. She has a Masters degree in Safeguarding Adults, Law, Policy and Procedure from Keele University. Along with Dr Joy Shacklock she co produced the RCGP Adult Safeguarding Toolkit. Elisabeth sat on the Decision making and mental capacity NICE guideline [NG108] committee and has worked extensively in implementing good practice around the MCA in primary care nationally. Currently she is involved in research into the interface of primary care and safeguarding in care homes in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Care at Hull University.

Her interest in forensic examination of adults at risk of harm stems from being involved in safeguarding adult reviews where the victim had been injured and recognising the inequality of service between children and adults that currently exists. She is currently the clinical lead for a pilot project in the Humber region providing forensic medicals for adults at risk of harm.

Speakers

Dr Anna Rycroft



Consultant Autopsy Pathologist

Dr Anna Rycroft qualified from Liverpool University Medical School in 2007. She commenced Pathology training in London in 2009 before passing the FRCPath and obtaining specialist registration with the GMC in 2017.

After a brief period as an NHS Histopathology Consultant she moved to independent Autopsy practice in 2018 and now works for multiple Coroners across the South East of England performing over a thousand post mortems a year. She obtained her Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence in 2022 and continues to further her forensic experience whenever possible.

The Pathologists Perspective and Limitations of the Post Mortem

A case based discussion about the role of the pathologist in cases of adult safeguarding.

Chair / Course Organiser

Prof Margaret Stark



Consultant Forensic Physician

Margaret Stark has been a forensic physician since 1989, mainly working with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), also in Surrey, Sussex, and with British Transport Police. She was the first Medical Director of the Forensic Healthcare Service in London and the Director of the Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit for NSW Police, based in Sydney, from 2011 2014. Previously she was a principal in general practice and also worked in family planning.

She is the Immediate Past President of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM), 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 was the Founding Academic Dean for the FFLM. She was awarded the David Jenkins Professorship in Forensic and Legal Medicine in 2011/12 and was an Adjunct Professor at Sydney University from 2012 2015. She is an Honorary Professor of Teesside University. She also works as the Responsible Officer and Appraisal Lead for Care & Custody (Health) Ltd (part of the MITIE Group), a Deputy Crematorium Referee (Croydon), and an Expert Witness.

Upcoming Events



Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine 16th Annual Conference

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May 2023
Principal Hotel, York



Our 16th Annual Conference will be at the Principal Hotel in York and will include a range of expert speakers, as well as the Annual General Meeting, David Jenkins Lecture and Gala Dinner.

You can join us either in person in York or virtually.

The focus of this year's conference is *The 3 Rs – Risk, Regulation and Research in Forensic and Legal Medicine*.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named GP Safeguarding Adults Humber and North Yorkshire ICS, Clinical Lead Forensic Project
 - Dr Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust
- Michelle Gaskell, Quality Specialist, NPCC Forensic Capability Network
 - Prof Andrew Harris, HM Senior Coroner, London Inner South
- Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris, Head of Office, Forensic Science Regulator
 - Prof Taj Nathan, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist
- Kate Richards, Senior Vice President, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
 - Dr Cath White OBE, Medical Director, Institute for Addressing Strangulation
- Elizabeth Jenkins, Assistant Director of the GMC's Legal Team

Please visit www.fflm.ac.uk for further information.

Upcoming Events

FFLM Webinars - The ManKind Initiative

Monday 24 April at 19:00

Presented by Mark Brooks, Chairman, of The ManKind Initiative

FFLM Webinars - Differences in Forensic Medicine: Middle East and the UK

Monday 05 June at 19:00

Presented by Dr Dina Ibrahim, Sexual Offence Examiner

FFLM Webinars - Forensic Radiology

Monday 12 June at 19:00

Presented by Dr Curtis Offiah, Consultant Radiologist

Virtual Child Safeguarding Day

Saturday 24 June 2023

FFLM Webinars - Supporting Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Monday 03 July at 19:00

Presented by Duncan Craig OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Survivors Manchester

Virtual SARC Best Practice Day

Saturday 16 September 2023

Virtual Road Traffic Day

Tuesday 03 October 2023

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