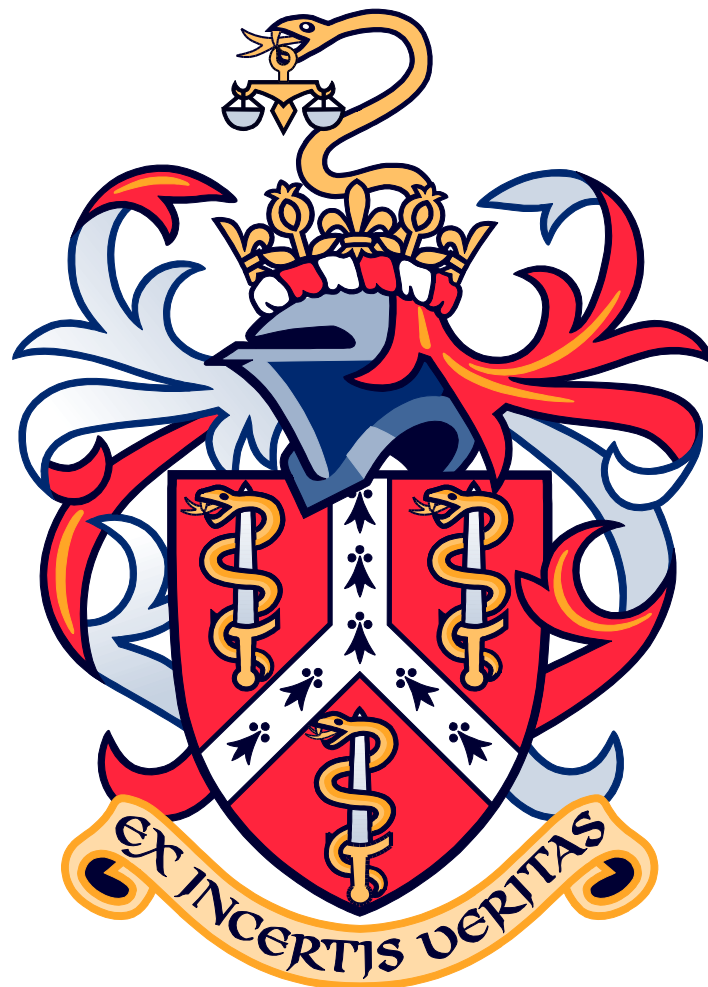


# Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May 2023

Principal Hotel, York



**The 3 Rs – Risk, Regulation and Research in  
Forensic and Legal Medicine**

# Welcome

Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.

We are delighted to hold our Conference in the beautiful city of York and for those of you attending in person, we hope that you will have a chance to explore the city whilst you are here.

You will see from the conference booklet that we have an excellent programme to look forward to which covers important and topical areas in our specialty such as the introduction of the Forensic Science Regulator Statutory Code of Practice, providing a forensic service for adults at risk of harm and SARC Quality Standards. We thank our speakers enormously for giving up their time to come and present to us.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday afternoon and this is an opportunity for the FFLM Senior Officers to report to you on their activities throughout the last year. The papers for the AGM can be accessed [here](#) – please try to read them before the meeting if you can. We are here to address your concerns and take into account your thoughts and observations.

On Friday morning we have the pleasure of welcoming Prof Jonathan Harris to deliver the David Jenkins Lecture on Post Mortem-Imaging. We are delighted he has accepted the honour.

Please make sure that you make full use of the Conference to meet and talk to colleagues, and engage with speakers and exhibitors. We'd like to thank our tier one sponsor ALLDOQ and our other exhibitors for their support.

We look forward to seeing you both online and in person and do hope that you enjoy the conference and find it informative.

## **Dr Alex Gorton**

### **Forensic Physician**

### **Chair: Friday Morning**



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 to one of the private providers. Throughout his career he has been passionate about standards and training and this translated into his previous role as Assistant Registrar for the FFLM (2016-2021). 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 range of national committees including the NPCC Clinical Advice Panel, the BMA Forensic & Secure Environments Committee and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (Wales) Council. Over the last few years he has been heavily involved in supporting the NPCC developing a competency framework for assessment of individuals exposed to Conducted Energy Devices, co-written the FFLM Joint CED Working Group Guidelines, and is the lead facilitator for the FFLM national training course for clinicians assessing individuals who have been exposed to a conducted energy device. He 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 is a Medical Examiner for South East Wales.

## **Prof Paul Marks**

### **FFLM President**

### **Welcome / Mental Health Inquests**



Paul Marks is currently President of the FFLM. He is a graduate of the London Hospital Medical College and of Cardiff Law School. After a career in neurosurgery extending over 30 years, he was appointed as HM Senior Coroner to the City of Kingston upon Hull and the County of the East Riding of Yorkshire. He is honorary professor of medical jurisprudence at the Hull York Medical School.

**Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris**

**Head of Office, Forensic Science Regulator**



**The Introduction of the Forensic Science Regulator Statutory Code**

As the Head of the Office of the Forensic Science Regulator, I provide strategic direction, coordination, and planning for the team across the responsibilities of the Regulator who ensures that the provision of forensic science services across the CJS complies with an appropriately high standard of scientific quality and is carried out with objectivity and impartiality. Prior to my current role, I worked for many years in quality management and leadership roles in the Forensic Science Directorate of the Metropolitan Police Service. I have chaired for some years the Quality and Competence Committee of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) whereby working with quality managers, scientists and police officers from multiple European forensic institutes, developed policies, provided advice on quality matters and contributed to advancing the implementation of standards in forensic science across Europe.

**Prof Jonathan Harris**

**Consultant Radiologist**

**David Jenkins Lecture: Post Mortem-Imaging**

I am a consultant radiologist at Northern Care Alliance, Salford Royal Foundation Trust and honorary professor in the School of Health Sciences at the University of Salford.

I have been involved in post-mortem imaging for over 15 years working with local communities and coroners. I co-authored one of the earliest studies comparing CT and MR post-mortem imaging with conventional autopsy.

In addition to lecturing and teaching on post-mortem imaging, I was a member of the post-mortem, forensic and disaster imaging group which published a nationwide post-mortem imaging strategy.

## **Dr Bernadette Butler**

### **FFLM President**

### **Chair: Friday Morning / Sampling in Custody (and other less ideal environments!)**



Bernadette Butler, ('Dr B') graduated from St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, sometime in the last century, when there were about as many medical schools in London, as the rest of the UK. Her post-graduate career began in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, but she stepped off the 'career' ladder due to family commitments and worked part-time. She began her career in forensic medicine, almost 23 years ago, at the first Haven, in Camberwell, now one of 3 Havens: the sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) for London, run by King's College Hospital. She has an interest in education and training, hence her role as the Havens' Clinical Education & Training Lead (CETL), as well as continuing her forensic medical work on the out-of-hours rota.

Her roles within the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM) include: Academic Dean (2016 – 2019), Examiner for LFFLM (SOM) and MFFLM (SOM), Member of the Forensic Science Subcommittee (FSSC) and President Elect. Until September 2023, she is the President of the Clinical Forensic and Legal Medicine Section, at the Royal Society of Medicine, (RSM). Other roles in the past: Clinical Director of Hope House, the Gloucestershire Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Assistant Deputy Coroner for Surrey and Forensic physician at the Surrey SARC in Cobham.

Away from her clinical work, she sits as a Lay Magistrate (Justice of the Peace, JP) in Surrey. She has a fair amount of knowledge about Great Danes (dogs), of which she has owned nine over about 35 years.

## **Dr Cath White OBE**

### **Medical Director, Institute for Addressing Strangulation**

### **The Institute for Addressing Strangulation**



Dr Catherine White is the Medical Director of the newly established Institute for Addressing Strangulation, UK (October 2022). Dr White was the Clinical Director of the St Mary's SARC, Manchester, UK for 19 years from 2003 until March 2022, having started as one of the forensic physicians in 1995 specialising in the examination of women, men, and children where there has been an allegation of rape or sexual assault. She continues undertaking clinical forensic medical examinations. She is the Sexual Offence Medicine lead for the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, UK & a member of the Academic Committee and the Forensic Science Committee.

Dr White has been heavily involved in raising awareness of the dangers of non-fatal strangulation. Her research in this area was used as evidence for a successful call to change the law regarding strangulation. She has been a regular guest lecturer on the Judicial Studies Board, Serious Sexual Offences seminars and the Family Courts. She has been a UN Consultant on Sexual Violence and has been involved in a UNODC Project involving the establishment of sexual assault services in Palestine, 2012 –2018 and as of 2016 was also involved with a similar UN project in Egypt.

In 2006, 2008 and 2010 she was sponsored by UNICEF and CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) to provide training in Cambodia. She has provided similar training in Moldova in 2008.

Dr White was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in The Queen's 2014 New Year's Honours List for services to Vulnerable People.

## **Dr Russell Green**

### **Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Director For Mental Health and Substance Misuse, Practice Plus Group**



I attended Sheffield University Medical School and completed junior training as a psychiatrist in Sheffield, including a period as a clinical lecturer researching the field of cognition in people with schizophrenia, then moved to Nottingham to finish my training as a consultant. Since becoming a consultant psychiatrist I have worked across a wide range of settings; community, inpatient and secure services both in the NHS and Independent sectors. I started working in prisons as a locum but rapidly recognised it was an area of work I loved and wanted to focus on. Having worked across a number of prisons in the midlands I settled back to Yorkshire and joined PPG six years ago. I initially split my time between clinical work and acting as lead psychiatrist and became Medical Director for Mental Health and Substance Misuse at the start of 2020, with responsibility for over 50 prisons and IRCs. As Medical Director my focus is on improving the great work that is already going on and breaking down barriers to allow patients to access our services. I am passionate that we need to increase and improve talking and psychological therapies in prisons and with colleagues have worked hard to ensure wider access to these. I also act as a delegate doctor for the International Committee of the Red Cross which involves visiting and monitoring prison conditions both in the UK and abroad.

### **Understanding How and Why we Fail with Personality Disorders**

Supporting people with personality disorder can be one of the most challenging areas of practice. The talk aims to provide some insights into the patterns of thinking common in people with personality disorder and why our response to those can often make things worse for us and those we support.

## **Prof Andrew Harris**

### **Senior Coroner, London Inner South**



Coroner Andrew Harris is dually qualified in medicine and law. His early career was as paediatrician, GP, medical director and consultant in public health. His career in law began in 1998 when he gained an LLB, going on to be awarded an LLM in 2002 in public law receiving a distinction for his dissertation on the statutory duty of quality. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple and started to practice as a consulting solicitor. An accredited mediator he opened a small legal research and governance consultancy, which also trained in ethical decision making. Andrew Harris became an assistant deputy coroner in London Inner South in 2007 and Senior Coroner in 2010. The jurisdiction includes several specialist hospitals and four prisons. It has between 15 and 22 jury inquests annually, which take over half the year, most of which he hears, along with complex medical inquests. He has published in medical and legal journals on what is an unnatural death, reforms in reporting deaths, and being a witness in mental health inquests and written a guide for bereaved parents. He is the author of four chapters of the latest edition of Jervis on Beginning the investigation, Information and publicity, Homicide and Notifiable Accidents and Diseases. He teaches at Queen Marys, University of London and receives students from US and schools, police, medical and legal professions for work experience and marshalling. He has an interest in the portrayal of death in Art, and is engaged in research of various aspects of coronial law. He is also one of the Faculty's Vice Presidents.

### **Article 2 Inquests**

What is the significance of Article 2 European Convention on Human Rights. How coroners comply in their investigations. The categories of cases defined in statute. The developing law on engagement in other cases. The implications for inquests e.g. in police custody. Implications for medical practitioners and tips on provision of evidence and being a witness. The contribution of experts.

## **Prof Taj Nathan**

### **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist**

#### **Investigating Serious Adverse Incidents in Complex Systems**



Professor Nathan is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Director of Research (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust), Honorary Senior Research Fellow (University of Liverpool), Visiting Professor (University of Chester), Adjunct Professor (Liverpool John Moores University), and CRN-NWC Clinical Lead and Mental Health Specialty Lead (National Institute for Health Research). Professor Nathan has extensive experience of working in a wide variety of forensic and non-forensic mental health settings, particularly in the context of complex mental health problems, personality disorder and autism spectrum disorder. As well as his day-to-day clinical work, he has provided advice on cases across a national footprint and has contributed to national policy initiatives. Professor Nathan has undertaken postgraduate study at the Universities of Oxford, Liverpool and Leeds and he has conducted research including in the areas of standardized assessments, personality disorder, violence, clinical decision-making and risk.

Professor Nathan is also regularly called to provide independent expert opinion to courts across the country. More recently he has been involved in the public dissemination of forensic psychiatric topics, with the release of his book (Dangerous Minds: A Forensic Psychiatrist's Quest to Understand Violence, 2021), publication of his work in The Guardian and The Spectator, and radio/TV documentary work.

## **Elizabeth Jenkins**

### **Assistant Director, Legal Team, GMC**

#### **Approach to Regulation**



I joined the GMC in January 2022 as Assistant Director in the Legal Team. I am a barrister by profession and after several years in private practice in London I joined the Government Legal Service as a prosecutor in what was then HM Customs and Excise. I spent the next 20 years prosecuting a wide range of criminal cases, organised crime in particular, until I became a Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor in the Crown Prosecution Service variously leading teams in Organised Crime, Specialist Fraud, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, Crown and Magistrates' Courts Units.

Ready for a new and interesting challenge I was delighted to accept a position in the GMC. Our Legal Team are responsible for drafting particulars of allegation, providing legal advice and support and managing cases through the Tribunal, including the interim suspension of doctors in appropriate cases. It's a busy team with lots going on which is just how I like it!

## **Dr Michael Devlin**

### **Head of Professional Standards and Liaison, MDU**

Dr Mike Devlin is currently Head of Professional Standards and Liaison at the MDU (since 2014) having been a medico-legal adviser for over 15 years before that, latterly as Head of Advisory Services. He is the MDU's Responsible Officer.



He was Vice President (Medico-Legal) of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine until May 2022, Treasurer (2011 to 2015) and was a member of its Academic Committee and was an Examiner for the MFFLM.

He is an international editorial board member of the Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine. He has had published many articles on medico-legal matters in various medical journals and papers in UK and Ireland as well as a book chapter. He has a significant amount of experience in teaching and assessing knowledge in medico-legal subjects.

### **Practical Ethics**

An overview of the application of ethical principles to avoid medico-legal jeopardy

## **Dr Elisabeth Alton**

### **Named Doctor Safeguarding Adults, North Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership and East Riding Health and Care Partnership**

#### **The Humber Pilot Project - Providing a Forensic Service for Adults at Risk of Harm**



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.



## **Dr Helena Thornton**

### **FFLM Registrar**

### **Chair: Saturday Morning Session**

I am the current Registrar of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine, and was a forensic physician at St Mary's Centre, Manchester, for 28 years.



## **Dr Paula Boyden**

### **Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust and Chair, The Links Group**

Paula Boyden graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, University of London in 1992. She spent 11 years in general practice, before moving into a technical role in industry in 2003.



Paula joined Dogs Trust in 2010, where she is now Veterinary Director. Her responsibilities include Dogs Trust's veterinary matters, outreach and public affairs work. Paula has a particular interest in the link between abuse of animals and abuse of people and is current Chair of the Links Group.

She is regularly involved in undergraduate training on Non-Accidental Injury (NAI) within the UK veterinary schools and has spoken widely on the subject. Paula is a founder member of the Association of Charity Vets. She chairs the Pet Advertising Advisory Group (PAAG), is vice chair of the Canine and Feline Sector Group, sits on the RSPCA's Prosecutions Oversight Panel and is a member of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission.

In 2017 Paula received BSAVA's J A Wight Memorial Award for her contribution to the welfare of companion animals.

### **The Link Between Violence to People and Violence to Animals**

This session will explore the link between abuse of humans and abuse of animals. It will cover the similarities in abuse; the circumstances of the violence, the actions involved, and the excuses offered, all due to one common denominator - the human perpetrator. It will also highlight the importance of inter-agency working with reference to the human/companion animal bond.

## **Kate Richards**

### **Senior Vice President, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons**



Kate graduated from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Edinburgh and has worked as a farm animal vet in clinical practice, veterinary advisor in the pharmaceutical industry and in government. She joined the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs as an advisor in 2003 after working as a Temporary Veterinary Inspector during the Foot and Mouth epidemic in 2001. Kate spent a decade in the UK civil service, promoted to non-veterinary roles in Cabinet Office, HMRC and was Principal Private Secretary to three Secretaries of State for Scotland.

Kate is a former trustee of the Animal Welfare Foundation. As a Council member of the British Cattle Veterinary Association, Kate invited the then Chair of the Links Group to speak to the annual Congress about the link between abuse to people and animals. That was 15 years ago.

Kate is a Non-Executive Director on the Moredun Foundation and the Scottish Agricultural College Commercial Boards. In 2015 she joined the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the UK regulator for vets and vet nurses, and elected President in 2021/22. The theme for Kate's Presidential year was 'Connections that Count' and she continues to amplify the voice of the veterinary profession. Kate's passion is communicating the breadth and depth of expertise within the veterinary profession, the influence and impact vets have on human health, food safety and wider society, as well as animal health and welfare.

### **The Link Between Violence to People and Violence to Animals**

The RCVS is the UK regulatory body for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses, with the aim of enhancing society through improved animal health and welfare.

The RCVS Code of Professional Conduct sets out veterinary surgeons' responsibilities. The veterinary / client relationship is founded on trust, the duty of confidentiality important but not absolute and information can be disclosed in certain circumstances. When presented with an injured animal whose clinical signs cannot be attributed to the history provided by the client, or there is a suspicion of animal abuse which could include neglect, vets should consider whether there is justification for disclosing their client's information without consent. If there are reasonable grounds that an animal shows signs of abuse or is at real and immediate risk of abuse, the public interest in protecting an animal overrides the professional obligation to maintain client confidentiality and the legitimate interest in disclosing the client's data overrides the client's rights to the protection of their data. Given the link between animal, child and domestic abuse, vets are in a unique and privileged position and play a pivotal role in breaking the chain of domestic violence.

## Dr Vivien Bickham MBE

### Practice Advisor, Drive Team



Vivien has worked in the field of Domestic Abuse for over 42 years. Her passion is driven by her best friend being assaulted at 21 years of age and being left in a waking coma for nearly 23 years before she died. She has campaigned for services on behalf of victims/survivors of abuse at local and national level. More recently she has been involved in advocating work with those affected by early childhood trauma who perpetrate domestic abuse working on the Drive Project a partnership project between SafeLives, Respect and Social Finance, as a Practice Advisor. She has been associated with Victim Support for over 20 years she was an accredited Associate Trainer for Victim Support National Office and specialising in Domestic & Sexual Abuse Training and families affected by Homicide. Her qualifications include: Counselling, Teaching, Child & Adult Protection, Executive Diploma in Management, Master Practitioner of NLP, Integral Eye Movement Therapy and accreditation for Hypnotherapy. She has delivered training on behalf of local Community Safety Partnership & the Local Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children Board in all aspects of Domestic Abuse, safeguarding adults and children in domestic abuse settings, working with perpetrators and the Marac process, as well self-care for Professionals in frontline services. Vivien is a trained Independent Domestic Homicide Chair specialising in various dynamics of domestic abuse to ensure the victims voice is heard and perpetrators are accountable. Vivien was awarded Woman of the Year by Blackburn Soroptomists in 2007 for her work with victims/survivors of abuse. She was a finalist in the Lancashire Woman of the Year Award in 2012 and named in the list of 100 women who created Change on International Women's Day in Blackburn with Darwen. She was awarded an MBE for her work with both male and female victims/survivors and male and female perpetrators of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse in 2019. In March 2022 she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Law from Lancaster University for her work related to Domestic Abuse.

### Suicide Rates in High Risk Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

Aim of the workshop: What risks are posed by DA perpetrators who are suicidal or have mental health problems? How much do we and don't we know about the scale of the problem? Understand risk and protective factors associated with those who self-harm or at risk of death by suicide in a DA context.

## Luke Kendall

### Practice Advisor, Drive Team



Luke is a Practice Advisor for the DRIVE project, a Respect & SafeLives intervention for high risk perpetrators of Domestic Abuse. He holds a Forensic Psychology MSc, a Psychology BSc and is an accredited Trainer and Assessor.

Luke is an accredited IDVA & ISVA, specialising in supporting male victims, but also supporting women at high risk of DA. Luke is an independent Domestic Homicide Review Chair, a member of the board of trustees for a Sussex based charity for offenders and a Restorative Justice Facilitator for sensitive and complex cases.

### Suicide Rates in High Risk Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

The presentation will explore, briefly, the work of the Drive project, followed by an overview of research conducted in partnership with the University of Bristol.

**Marianne McGowan**

**Survivor Liaison & Research Worker, Institute for Addressing Strangulation**



**Developments in Domestic Abuse Risk Identification and Assessment**

I am a certified Domestic Violence practitioner and I have volunteered and worked in the domestic violence sector in frontline services since 2016.

My academic background is in Psychology & Criminology. In 2015 I majored in Criminology completing a dissertation in views and opinions on sex work in the UK. In 2020, I completed a Master's degree in Psychology, with accreditation from the British Psychological Society. My Masters thesis focused on identity using Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis.

I am committed to ending all forms of violence against women and girls. I am passionate about contributing to the development of evidence-based practices that support and empower survivors, and I believe that the voices and experiences of survivors are integral to this process.

**Mr Brian Westbury**

**FFLM Academic Dean**



**Chair: Saturday Afternoon**

Brian was a dentist in general practice and then joined Dental Protection as a dentolegal adviser for 25 years. He was secretary to four LDCs and a member of the GDSC.

He is currently a Chair of governors at a high school, an independent dentolegal adviser and a UKAS technical adviser.

Brian has degrees in Dentistry, Law, and psychology.

He has a wife, three grownup children, two chickens and two axolotls.

## **Prof Keith Rix**

### **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence**

#### **Q&A Panel on Expert Evidence**

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 almost 40 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 and Expert Witness Lead, Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.



## **Prof Margaret Stark**

### **Consultant Forensic Physician**

#### **Q&A Panel on Expert Evidence**

Margaret Stark is a career forensic physician (since 1989), mainly working with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in London, also in Surrey, Sussex, and with the British Transport Police, in the UK. 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.

She is a Past-President of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (FFLM), Chair of the FFLM's 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 leading the team to establish the FFLM Membership examinations.

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 now an Honorary Visiting Professor at Teesside University.

She has written extensively in the field of forensic and legal medicine contributing thirty-six chapters to various books. She is Editor of 'Clinical Forensic Medicine', the fourth edition published in 2020. She has been the 'rapporteur' on the five editions of Detainees with substance disorders in police custody: Guidelines on clinical management (aka as the 'Blue Guidelines'). She has been involved in a number of qualitative and quantitative research projects on a range of topics including most recently quality standards in clinical forensic medicine. She has provided expert opinions on cases in relation to fitness to be detained in police custody; deaths in police custody and following police contact; fitness to be interviewed by the police; traffic medicine procedures in police custody; injury interpretation; injuries associated with restraint including irritant sprays and CED (TASER™); management of detainees with substance use disorder (drugs and alcohol) in custody; and training and education of healthcare professionals in the field of forensic and legal medicine and the standards required.



## **Dr Anton van Dellen**

### **Barrister & Assistant Registrar, FFLM**

#### **Q&A Panel on Expert Evidence**



Dr Anton van Dellen is a barrister at Fraser Chambers, specialising in defamation, public and commercial law. Anton also sits as an Assistant Coroner in West London. He has a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBCh) from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Physiology from the University of Oxford; a Master of Arts in Law from the University of Cambridge; and a Masters of Law (LLM) from BPP. The subject of his LLM was expert witness liability. Anton was a registrar in neurosurgery before becoming a Fellow at Christ Church, University of Oxford. He also held several senior management posts in the NHS. Anton is an advocacy trainer for Inner Temple, is a member of Inner Temple's Bar Liaison Committee and sits on Inner Temple's Executive, Finance and Investment Committees. He is also Vice-Chair of the Bar Council's Legal Services Committee and sits on the Bar Council Education and Training Committee. He was awarded a Princess Royal Scholarship from Inner Temple and was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford.

## **Michelle Gaskell**

### **Forensic Quality Specialist, NPCC Forensic Capability Network**



Michelle Gaskell a Quality Specialist for the NPCC Forensic Capability Network has been the National SARC Accreditation Lead for the past 2 years. Prior experience working in regulated scientific and management roles in the water industry, pharmaceuticals and forensic science, Michelle was previously an Accreditation Project Manager for South Wales Police responsible for project managing the ISO:17025 accreditations of the Regional Cyber Crime Unit and Digital Forensic Cyber Crime Unit and ISO:15189 accreditation of Sexual Assault Referral Centres in Southern Wales. Ensuring all these units, including Custodies, comply with the Forensic Regulators Codes of Practice and Conduct. Michelle now project manages national research studies, validations and verifications to support SARCs, Policing and NHS in meeting the ISO15189 standard, FSR regulations and improve the quality of the SARC service.

#### **Collaborative Working to Improve SARC Quality Standards**

Examples of how the SARCs nationally have worked collaboratively with the FCN to improve quality standards, to meet the FSR requirements, ISO 15189 standard and get a step closer to achieving UKAS accreditation.

## **Prof Michael Freeman**

**Assoc. Professor of Forensic Medicine, Maastricht University, Clinical Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine**



Prof. Michael Freeman is the chair of the research subcommittee of the FFLM, and one of two associate editors of the official journal of the FFLM, the Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine. He divides his time between academic work as a tenured associate professor of forensic medicine and epidemiology at Maastricht University Medical Center (NL) and clinical professor of forensic psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, and as a forensic medical consultant. Over the past 25 years he has given sworn testimony over 1,600 times in a wide variety of criminal and civil venues in the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia over the past 25 years.

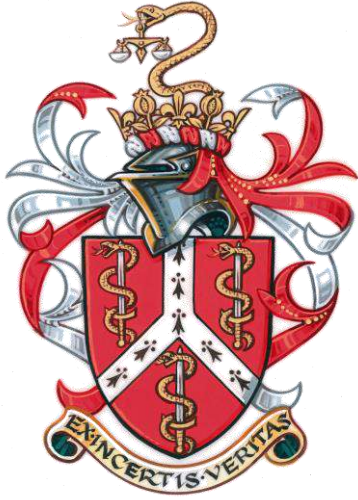
Prof. Freeman has published around 230 scientific papers, books, and book chapters, primarily focusing on issues relating to medicolegal applications of epidemiology to the evaluation of the cause of disease, injury, and death, as well as injury biomechanics, genocide, deaths in custody, orthopedic applications of autologous stem cell therapy, and others. He is the co-editor of the authoritative text on forensic applications of epidemiology; *Forensic Epidemiology: Principles and Practice*, published in 2016 (Elsevier).

Prof. Freeman holds a Med.Dr. degree from Umeå University in Sweden (where he also completed a fellowship in forensic pathology), a Ph.D. and master's in public health in epidemiology from Oregon State University, and a master's of forensic medical sciences with the University of Verona (IT), i.a. He is a fellow of the FFLM, the Royal College of Pathologists, the Royal Society for Public Health, and the American College of Epidemiology, among others. Prof. Freeman is a past US Fulbright Fellow with the U.S. Department of State, in the area of forensic medicine.

### **Research Integrity in Forensic Medicine - Do we have a problem?**

The basic elements of research integrity in biomedical research will be introduced, and the differences in how they may be applied to clinical versus forensic medicine will be discussed. A case study involving the death of a toddler and a 2nd degree murder charge will be used to illustrate how systematic error, biased personal beliefs, and speculation can become a part of the scientific literature that forms the basis for unreliable medicolegal practices. Potential solutions will be discussed.

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### Friday 12 May 2023

- 08:15 – 08:45 *Registration*
- 08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome**  
Prof Paul Marks, FFLM President
- 09:00 – 09:45 **The Introduction of Statutory Forensic Science Regulation**  
Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris, Head of Office, Forensic Science Regulator
- 09:45 – 10:45 **David Jenkins Lecture – Post Mortem Imaging**  
Prof Jonathan Harris, Consultant Radiologist, Northern Care Alliance, Salford Royal Foundation Trust
- 10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments*
- 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*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>Sampling in Custody (and other less ideal environments!)</b> Dr Bernadette Butler, FFLM President Elect Prof Margaret Stark, Consultant Forensic Physician	<b>Article 2 Inquests</b> Prof Andrew Harris, Senior Coroner, London Inner South

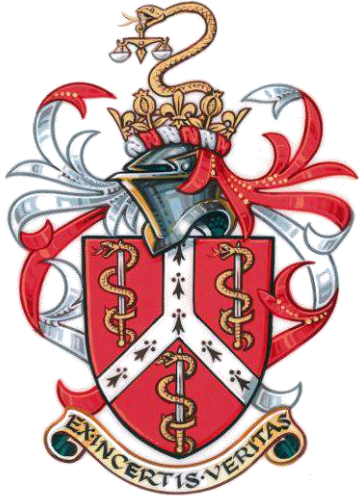
14:45 – 15:30 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>Investigating Serious Adverse Incidents in Complex Systems</b> Prof Taj Nathan, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist	<b>Approach to Regulation</b> Elizabeth Jenkins, Assistant Director, Legal Team, GMC

- 15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments*
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Annual General Meeting**
- 19:30 – 23:59 **Drinks Reception and Gala Dinner**



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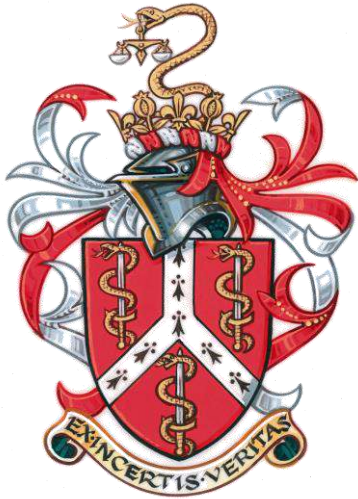
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**Saturday 13 May 2023**

- 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 Forensic Service for Adults at Risk of Harm**  
Dr Elisabeth Alton, Named Doctor Safeguarding Adults, North Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership and East Riding Health and Care Partnership
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshments*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Domestic Abuse Risk Identification and Assessment**  
Marianne McGowan, Survivor Liaison & Research Worker, Institute for Addressing Strangulation
- 11:30– 12:15 **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
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Suicide rates in High Risk Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse**  
Dr Vivien Bickham MBE, Practice Adviser, Drive  
Luke Kendall, Practice Adviser, Drive
- 12:45 – 13:15 **Panel Discussion**
- 13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*
- Student Poster Session: posters displayed in breakout area*
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Q&A Panel on Expert Evidence**  
Prof Keith Rix, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist  
Prof Margaret Stark, Consultant Forensic Physician  
Dr Anton van Dellen, Barrister & Assistant Registrar, FFLM
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Collaborative Working to Improve SARC Quality Standards**  
Michelle Gaskell, Forensic Quality Specialist, NPCC Forensic Capability Network
- 15:30 – 15:45 *Refreshments*
- 15:45 – 16:30 **Research Integrity in Forensic Medicine – Do we have a Problem?**  
Prof Michael Freeman, Assoc. Professor of Forensic Medicine, Maastricht University
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Poster Prize Presentation and Concluding Remarks**  
Dr Bernadette Butler, FFLM President

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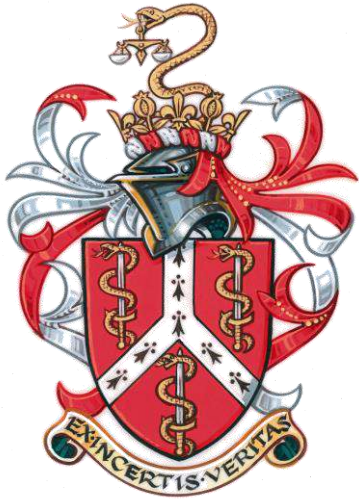


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## Things To Do In York

Founded as Eboracum in 71AD York has a rich history with Roman, Viking and Norman influences. There is a wealth of historical tourist attractions to visit around your stay for the conference.



York is one of the few cities left in the UK with remaining city walls which can easily be accessed just over the road from the hotel for a walk around the city.

[York Minster](#) is a fascinating visit and those who are feeling athletic can climb the 275 steps of the central tower for fantastic views over the city and the Vale of York.

If you need refreshments after that climb the world famous [Bettys Tea Room](#) is just around the corner.

For a more multisensory experience why not visit the [JORVIK Viking Centre](#) for the sights, sounds, and smells of Viking York.

There are wide range of other nearby museums and attractions including:

- [The National Railway Museum](#)
- [Barley Hall](#)
- [Castle Museum](#)
- [Cliffords Tower](#)
- [The Shambles](#)
- [York Dungeon](#) (where you can experience a very different court room setting)

There is more to discover at [Visit York](#).

For those wishing to experience York's thriving pub scene with a huge range of locally brewed beers there are far too many venues to mention. We would, however, particularly recommend the following within short walking distance from the hotel.

[The Maltings](#) (5 mins walk)      Micklegate  
[The Falcon Tap](#) (8 mins walk)      Micklegate  
[The Ackhorne](#) (10 mins walk)      St Martins Lane

If you fancy travelling a little further afield, Walmgate and the surrounding streets have even more delightful places to visit (and the slightly longer trip will make your refreshment feel even more deserved!

[The Blue Bell](#) (14 mins)      Fossgate  
[Brew York Tap House](#) (18 mins)      Walmgate  
[Spark](#) – a container hub built in Piccadilly containing a wide number of street food vendors and pop up bars (15 mins)

## Upcoming Events

### Webinars - Free for FFLM Members to Attend!

Webinar	Date and Time	Presenter
Differences in Forensic Medicine: Middle East and the UK	Monday 05 June at 19:00	Dr Dina Ibrahim, Sexual Offence Examiner
Forensic Radiology	Monday 12 June at 19:00	Dr Curtis Offiah, Consultant Radiologist
Supporting Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Monday 03 July at 19:00	Duncan Craig OBE, CEO, Survivors Manchester

[Click here](#) for more information and to book.

### Development Training Courses (DTC)

DTC	Date
Virtual Child Safeguarding	Saturday 24 June 2023
Virtual SARC Best Practice Day	Saturday 16 September 2023
Virtual Road Traffic Masterclass	Tuesday 03 October 2023

[Click here](#) for more information and to book.

# FFLM Course in General Forensic Medicine

**Monday 10 to Friday 14 July 2023**  
**Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023**

Our five day Course in General Forensic Medicine (accredited by Teesside University) is for newly appointed or prospective forensic physicians, nurses and paramedics and leads to the University Certificate in Postgraduate Professional Development (UCPPD) in General Forensic Medicine. There are two days of face to face teaching (on the Monday and Tuesday) and the rest of the course is delivered remotely. The face to face training will take place in London.

The course covers the following five modules:

- Module 1: Role of the Healthcare Professional (HCP) working in a multidisciplinary team; Personal safety and conflict resolution; Consent, confidentiality and ethics; Safeguarding.
- Module 2: Fitness to detain, transfer and record keeping; Fitness to interview and charge; Administering medication; Assessment of mental health and fitness to release.
- Module 3: Traffic medicine – procedures under the Road Traffic Acts; Substance use disorders, comorbidity; forensic science and sampling.
- Module 4: Documentation, interpretation and management of injuries; Management of alleged restraint injuries; HCP at the scene of death; Death in custody and the Independent Investigation of Deaths in Custody.
- Module 5: Statement writing; The Court system.

The course is assessed in two areas:

- Court Room Presentation undertaken during the taught element of the course on the Friday;
- Reflective case study (2000 word essay to be submitted four weeks after the course).

For more information, please [click here](#).



# Have you thought about taking the Diploma of Legal Medicine (DLM)?

Are you interested in the interface between clinical practice and the law? Then you may find studying for the Diploma of Legal Medicine of benefit for your work.

The Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine's Diploma of Legal Medicine leads to the postnominal DLM.

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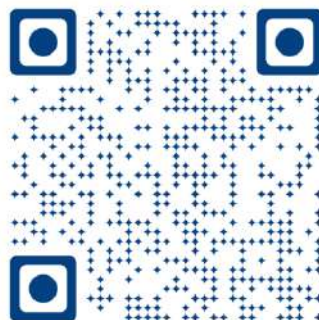
- Dentists, doctors, nurses, and paramedics;
- Legal advisors, file handlers and case reviewers working in the various Regulatory settings (GDC, GMC, NMC, HCPC), or for the medical defence organisations (MDOs), and within NHS England;
- Individuals who provide professional or expert witness evidence in various disciplines may also find this qualification of benefit for their role.

The DLM examination has a one-paper format consisting of 150 best-of-five multiple-choice questions to be completed within three hours. Candidates are tested on a wide range of topics in Legal Medicine as set out in the published syllabus. See: <https://fflm.ac.uk/exams/dlm>.

**The DLM is offered yearly. The next exam is on Friday 06 October 2023, online, so you can do it from the comfort of your own home/office, anywhere in the world. The application period will start on Friday 02 June 2023 and end on Friday 30 June 2023.**

The FFLM has produced numerous publications to assist students <https://fflm.ac.uk/resources/publications> and provides a wide range of learning activities to support those studying in this field including eLearning, webinars and study days. Please See: <https://fflm.ac.uk/e-learning>

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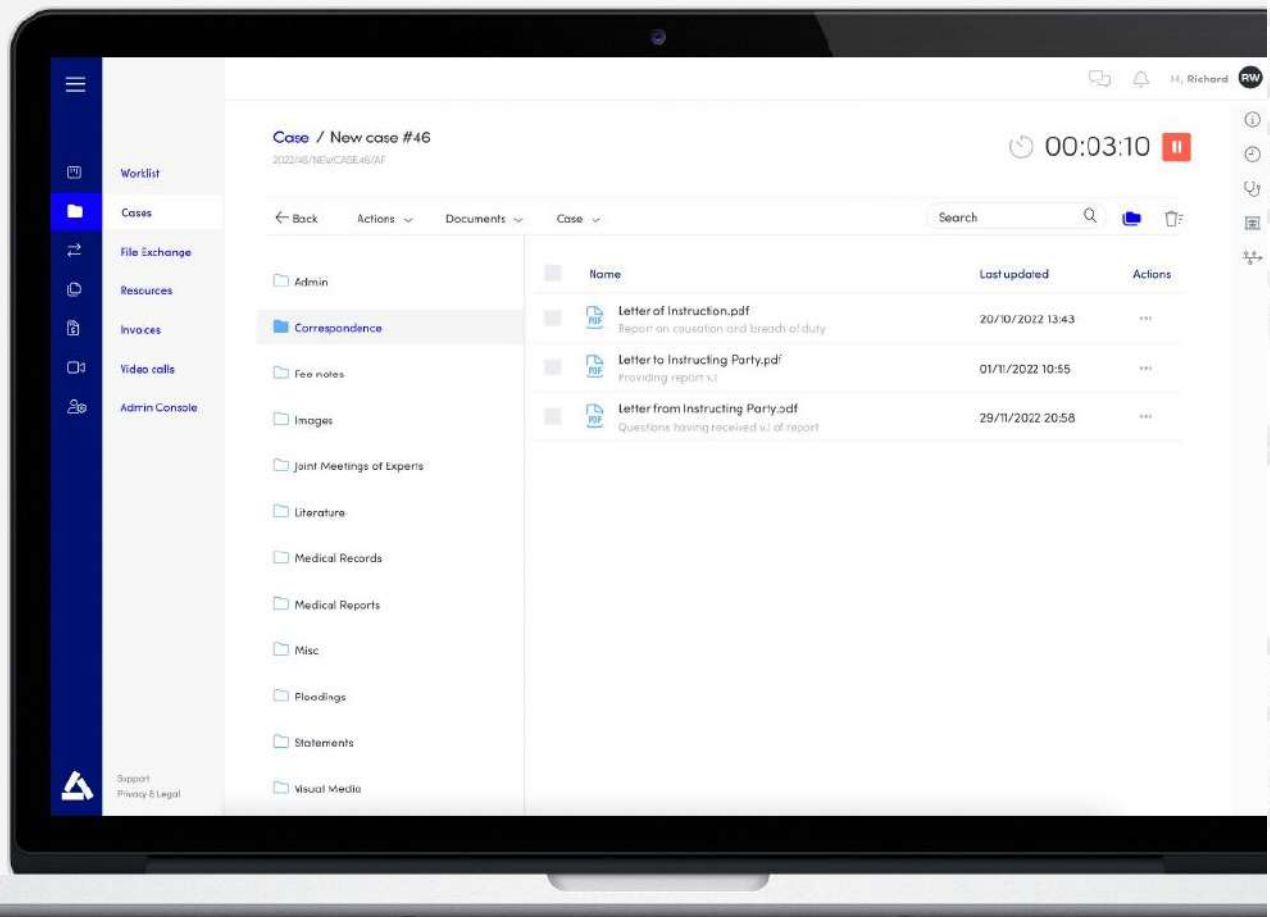
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- Disputes and Claims



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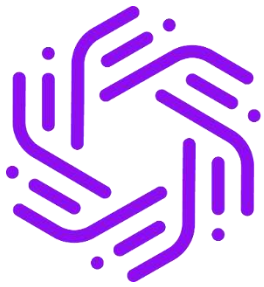
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# Institute For Addressing Strangulation

The Institute for Addressing Strangulation was launched to establish best practice in responding to victims of strangulation with the overall aim to reduce the offence of strangulation and suffocation in the UK. To do this, the Institute is working in partnership with SafeLives and Bangor University.

You can take a look at some of the Institute's resources via the below links:

## [UK Prevalence of Strangulation & Suffocation](#)

In early 2023, IFAS undertook an initial scoping of the prevalence of strangulation in the UK. This resource provides an overview of statistics available through national databases as well as UK charities and services who support victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

## [Information for Victims of Strangulation](#)

In collaboration with survivors, IFAS have created an information leaflet for victims. The leaflet includes advice and guidance on seeking medical attention as well as information on the new legislation. During the process of creating this leaflet survivors were clear that it was vital to include the major risk to life and health that strangulation poses.



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