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Workshop 1 - Forensic Aspects of Adult Safeguarding Examination and Documentation

Date: Tuesday 10/09/2024 13:30-17:00

Facilitators: Elisabeth Alton (EA) & Margaret Stark (MS)

Pre-reading

Injuries:

Payne-James, JJ. Chapter 75 Injury Documentation & Assessment. In Forensic & Legal Medicine. Clinical & Pathological Aspects. Eds. Payne-James JJ. & Byard RW. CRC Press, 2024, pp712-736

Payne-James JJ, Stark MM, Nittis M, Sheasby D. Chapter 4 Injury Assessment, Documentation, and Interpretation. In Clinical Forensic Medicine. A Physician's Guide. Ed. Stark MM. Fourth edition. Springer Nature Switzerland, 2020, pp 143-194

Gall J. & Payne-James JJ. Chapter 9. Injury interpretation: Possible errors and fallacies. In Current Practice in Forensic Medicine. Wiley-Blackwell, Chichester, West Sussex, 2011, pp. 239-271

Assessment, classification and documentation of injury. Chapter 8 In Simpson's Forensic Medicine. Eds Payne-James JJ & Jones R. CRC Press, 2020, pp 105-132

Saukko P. & Knight B. Chapter 4. The Pathology of wounds. In Knight's Forensic Pathology. Fourth Edition. CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2016, pp136-173

Acting as a witness:

Rix K. Forensic clinicians (physicians, nurses and paramedics) as witnesses in criminal proceedings. FFLM October 2020 <https://fflm.ac.uk/resources/publications/recommendations-forensic-clinicians-as-witnesses-in-criminal-proceedings/>

Forensic sampling:

FFLM. Recommendations for the collection of forensic specimens from complainants and suspects – July 2024

<https://fflm.ac.uk/publications/recommendations-for-the-collection-of-forensic-specimens-from-complainants-and-suspects-3/>

<https://fflm.ac.uk/publications/recommendations-for-the-collection-of-forensic-specimens-from-complainants-and-suspects-the-evidence/>

Adult Safeguarding – a Toolkit

<https://www.bma.org.uk/media/1792/bma-adult-safeguarding-full-toolkit-2018.pdf>

RCGP Adult Safeguarding Toolkit

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/resources/toolkits/adult-safeguarding-toolkit.aspx>

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FFLM. PICS Working Group Guidelines on photography, January 2024

<https://fflm.ac.uk/resources/publications/pics-working-group-guidelines-on-photography/>

Agenda

13:30 - 14:00 Welcome - Set the scene - Presentation of a case (SAR/S42) **EA**

Learning objectives:

- Understanding the need for a service
- Consideration of the safeguarding issues

14:00 - 14:45 Consent for examination **EA**

Learning objectives:

- Understand consent
- Demonstrate the ability to assess capacity and formulate a best interests decision

14:45 -15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:00 Documentation & interpretation of common injuries **MS**

Learning objectives:

- Describe the common injuries
- Outline the issues to consider in the documentation and interpretation
- Awareness of forensic sampling requirements

16:00 - 16:30 How to write a S42 report when you are the forensic medical examiner

EA

16:30 - 17:00 Question & Answer Session

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Workshop 2 - Forensic Aspects of Adult Safeguarding

Working in partnership

Agenda

Date: Thursday 03/10/2024 13:30-17:00

13.30 – 13:40 Welcome back

EA

**13.40 – 14:30 What to do if the police get involved?
Statement Writing & Courtroom skills MS**

Learning objectives:

- Outline the purpose of the witness statement
- Describe the basic construction of the statement
- Discuss the content
- Explore the differing types of statements you may be asked to write
- Illustrate the importance of (peer/clinical lead/expert) review
- Identify useful courtroom skills

14.30 - 15:00 Working together - Adult social care TBC Local Safeguarding Adults Team

15.00 - Break

15.15 – 15:45 Documenting injuries quiz

MS

15.45 – 16:15 Working together- a police perspective TBC

16.15 – 16:45 History taking when the person is cognitively impaired. (TBC)

**16.45 – 17:00 Next steps – Closing comments, next steps, FFLM Forensic Adult
Safeguarding forum**

EA MS

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Biographies of facilitators

Dr Elisabeth Alton MA MB BS MRCP

Elisabeth is a named GP for safeguarding in N.Lincs and East Riding of Yorkshire CCG's. She has a particular interest in safeguarding adults. She has a Masters 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 NICE MCA Guidelines Committee and has worked extensively in implementing good practice around the MCA in CCG's nationally. Currently she is involved in research into safeguarding in care homes in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Care at Hull University.

Her interest in forensic examination of adults who are at risk of harm stems from being involved in safeguarding adult reviews where the victim has been injured and realising the inequality of service between children and adults that currently exists.

Dr Margaret Stark LL.M MSc (Med Ed) FFLM (Founding) FACBS FHEA FACLM FRCP FFCFM(RCPA) RCPATHME DGM DMJ DAB (Dist)

Margaret Stark is a specialist in forensic & legal medicine and a Past-President of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (FFLM). She is Chair of the FFLM's Forensic Science Sub-Committee and the Lead Facilitator for the Faculty's course in General Forensic Medicine. She has been a forensic physician for 34 years. 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 and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. 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 has written extensively in the field and is Editor of 'Clinical Forensic Medicine', the fourth edition published in January 2020. She has been involved in several qualitative and quantitative research projects on a range of topics including custodial care, forensic science, death certification, education and training, injuries and the use of force, substance misuse, and traffic medicine, including the UK Government research into cannabis and driving.