

Death Certification Reforms and the Medical Examiner

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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 training, 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 role as Assistant Registrar for the FFLM from 2016 to 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.

In addition to his forensic medical roles, he works part time as an Emergency Medicine Middle Grade and as a Senior Medical Examiner in Wales.

Webinar Information

- Educational update due to the significant changes to a long-standing system.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the statutory changes to the death certification system in the UK from 09/09/2024
2. Review the new MCCD
3. Review the role of the medical examiner