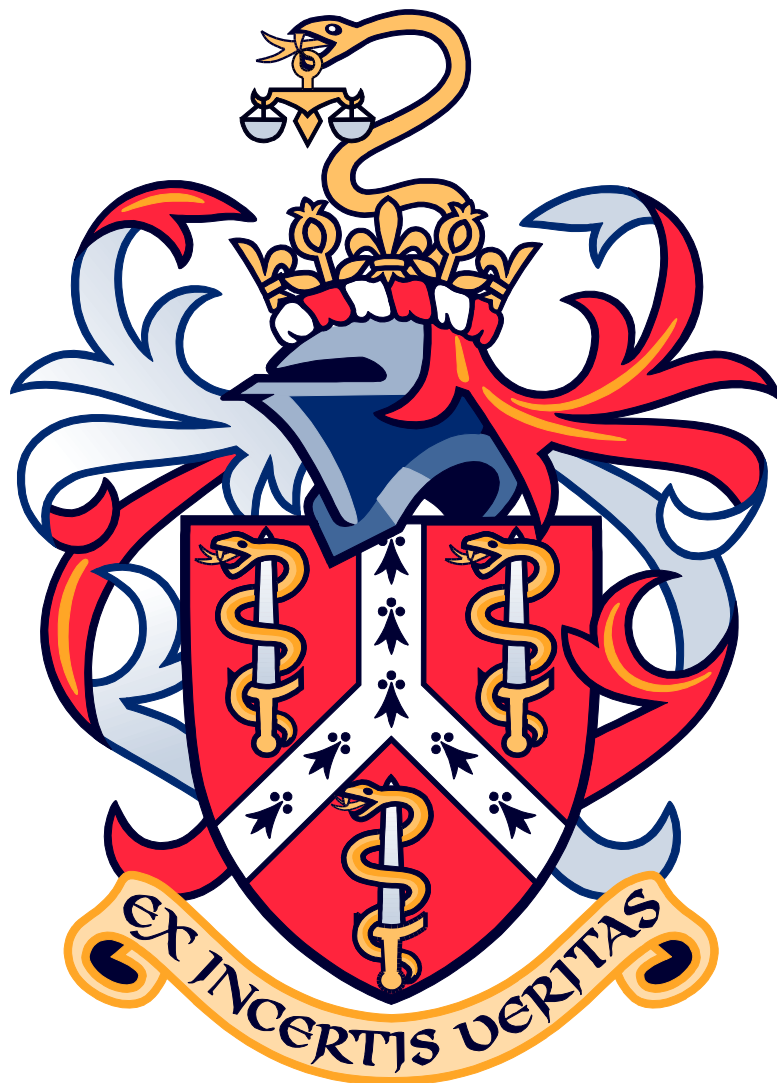


# **Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine**

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### **Annual Conference**

Friday 09 and Saturday 10 May 2025  
The Royal Liver Suite, Liverpool / Zoom



## **Miscarriages of Justice**

# Logistics

## On the Day

The lectures will be held in the Mersey Suite, located on the first floor of the Royal Liver Building. Registration will take place in the adjoining Ballroom, where refreshments will also be served. Registration times are as follows:

- Friday: 08:20 – 08:50
- Saturday: 08:30 – 08:55

Breakout sessions will be held in the Board Room.

If you have any access requirements, please let a member of the event team know as soon as possible.

## The Venue

Please [click here](#) for a map. The Royal Liver Building is located on the Pier Head at Liverpool Waterfront. The main entrance is in the courtyard off Canada Boulevard.

Mainline train services run to Liverpool Lime Street, which is about a 20-minute walk from the venue. Merseyrail services run locally with the nearest stations being James Street and Moorfields. Buses run to both bus stations at Liverpool ONE and Queen Square. Please consult the providing company for timetables. The Royal Liver Building is opposite the Mersey Ferry terminal for those wishing to travel by boat.

There is no car parking on site, so if you are driving, please [click here](#) to find a suitable parking space.

## Social Media and Recording

Sessions will be recorded and photographed throughout the event, and we'll be sharing live updates on social media. Join the conversation on Bluesky: [@fflm.bsky.social](#) using the hashtag #FFLMConf25

Where permission has been granted by speakers, recorded presentations will be made available post-conference. Please note that not all sessions will be shareable due to the sensitive nature of some case material.

## Assistance

If there is anything you require during or after the event, please let the FFLM team know or contact [forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk](mailto:forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk).

# Programme



## Friday 09 May 2025

08:20 – 08:50 *Registration*

08:50 – 09:00 **Welcome**

09:00 – 09:45 **The Birmingham 6: 50 Years on**  
Chris Mullin, Author and Former MP

09:45 – 10:45 **Managing the Ageing Patient with one or more Serious Medical Conditions in the Custodial System; Ethical and Clinical Considerations**  
Dr Iain Brew, Prison GP and Registrar, FFLM

10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments*

11:15 – 12:00 **Abusive Head Trauma in Children**  
Dr Waney Squier, Paediatric Neuropathologist (retired)

12:00 – 12:30 **The Medical Examiner System in England and Wales. What have been its successes and are there any changes needed?**  
Dr Huw Twamley, Regional Medical Examiner, NHS Patient Safety

12:30 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>Forensic Linguistics: Improving the Delivery of Justice through the Analysis of Language</b> Prof Tim Grant, Professor of Forensic Linguistics, Aston University	<b>Unregulated Experts in the Family Court</b> Dr Sonja Ayeb-Karlsson, Associate Professor in Policy & Intersectionality, University College London

14:50 – 15:30 **Parallel Sessions**

Forensic Medicine	Legal Medicine
<b>Forensic Toxicology 'Nitazenes'</b> Prof Nikolas Lemos, Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences, Queen Mary University of London	<b>Professional Regulatory Changes in the Past Year</b> Dr Michael Devlin, Head of Professional Standards and Liaison, Medical Defence Union

15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments*

16:00 – 16:30 **Specialist Recognition for Forensic and Legal Medicine: Update and Future Plans for the Specialty Application**  
Prof Jason Payne-James, President, European Council of Legal & Forensic Medicine and Consultant Forensic Physician

16:30 – 17:00 **Plenary Session**  
Dr Amoret Whitaker, Senior Lecturer, University of Winchester

17:00 – 18:00 **Annual General Meeting**

19:30 – 23:00 **Drinks Reception and Gala Dinner**

**After-Dinner Address: Reflection on the Past 20 Years**  
Prof Ian Wall, Consultant Forensic Physician and Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine



# Programme



**Saturday 10 May 2025**

- 08:30 – 08:55 *Registration*
- 08:55 – 09:00 **Welcome Back – Introduction to the Day**
- 09:00 – 09:40 **Who Makes Wrongful Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Why?**  
Prof Felicity Goodyear-Smith, Professor of General Practice and Primary Health, University of Auckland
- 09:40 – 10:10 **The Police and Crime Commissioner**  
Emily Spurrell, Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Panel Discussion**
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshments*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Is there Justice within the English Criminal Legal System?**  
Mr Luke Gittos, Murray Hughman
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Child Safeguarding: An Overview of the System, Training and Case Outcomes. Is the System Working as was Intended?**  
Dr Charlotte Proudman, Barrister, Goldsmith Chambers
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Lucy Letby**  
Mr Mark McDonald, Barrister
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Parallel Sessions**
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| <b>Forensic Science Regulation</b><br>Mr Gary Pugh OBE, Forensic Science Regulator | <b>Physician Associates</b><br>Dr Matt Kneale, Former Chair, Doctors' Association UK |
- 14:50 – 15:30 **Brook House Inquiry**  
Kate Eves OBE, Former Chair of the Brook House Inquiry
- 15:30 – 15:45 *Refreshments*
- 15:45 – 16:30 **David Jenkins Lecture: The Role of Innumeracy in Wrongful Convictions and Exonerations**  
Prof Michael D Freeman, Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine and Epidemiology, Maastricht University
- 16:30 – 16:45 **Student Prize Presentations and Concluding Remarks**  
Dr Alex Gorton, FFLM President

## **Dr Alex Gorton**

### **Forensic Physician and President-Elect, FFLM**

#### **Chair: Friday Morning Concluding Remarks**



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 the inaugural 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 one of five Senior Medical Examiners in Wales.

Following the AGM, Alex will become the 10<sup>th</sup> FFLM President

## **Chris Mullin**

### **Author and Former MP**

#### **The Birmingham 6: 50 Years On**



Author Error of Judgement – The Truth about the Birmingham Bombings

MP for Sunderland South 1987-2010; a minister in three departments and chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee

Books include four widely acclaimed volumes of diaries and four novels, the best known of which A very British Coup was made into an award-winning television series.

For further details see website: [www.chrismullinexmp.com](http://www.chrismullinexmp.com)

## **Dr Iain Brew**

### **Prison GP and Registrar, FFLM**

#### **Managing the Ageing Patient with one or more Serious Medical Conditions in the Custodial System; Ethical and Clinical Considerations**



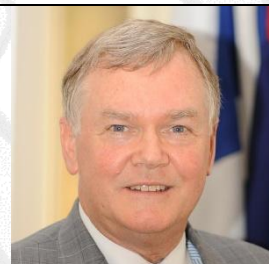
Iain has been a GP for 34 years, with 25 of these spent working in the subspecialty of Prison practice. He has a special interest in the elimination of hepatitis C and is the current Registrar of the FFLM. He is a past Vice-Chair of the RCGP Secure Environments Group and is an expert witness on Primary Care within secure environments.

In his spare time, he enjoys searching for bargain antiques and the conservation of eighteenth century long case clocks.

## **Prof John Gall**

### **Consultant Forensic Physician**

#### **Chair: Friday Morning**



A/Prof Gall is a consultant forensic physician in both public and private practice who recently relocated to the UK from Australia. He provides services in both countries, is a recently appointed Medical Examiner with the London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust and continues (on long service leave) as a Senior Consultant/Staff Specialist with the Victorian Paediatric Forensic Medical Service, Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne, and an Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, The University of Melbourne.

He is the immediate Past-President of the International Association of Clinical Forensic Medicine, is a Board member of the FFLM and chairs a subcommittee of the FCLM (Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia) tasked with rewriting that Faculty's submission for specialist recognition. John qualified initially as a biochemist, completed his doctorate in the Department of Pathology at the University of Melbourne and engaged in postdoctoral research in anatomy. He has practised Clinical Forensic Medicine for 30 years and has published a number of books, book chapters and research papers in forensic medicine and toxicology.

In addition to forensic medicine, he also practices occupational medicine. He has two delightful Golden Retrievers and his hobbies include tennis, gliding and scuba-diving.



## **Dr Waney Squier**

### **Paediatric Neuropathologist (retired)**

#### **Abusive Head Trauma in Children**

I am a retired Neuropathologist and Honorary Clinical lecturer in the University of Oxford. I obtained MRCP in paediatrics then trained in pathology at the Institute of Psychiatry and Great Ormond Street Hospital. During my 34 years in Oxford I specialised in the pathology of the developing brain studying developmental causes of epilepsy, cerebral palsy and brain malformations. I undertook research into the nature and timing of brain damage due to intrauterine and perinatal insults, the effects of asphyxia, hypoxia and trauma on the immature brain and the correlation of imaging and anatomic pathology in the pre-term human brain. I have published widely on these subjects, with over 120 peer reviewed papers and two textbooks. In 2023 I co-edited a textbook "Shaken Baby Syndrome; Investigating the abusive head trauma controversy".



In the last twenty years of my career I prepared reports for many forensic cases and gave evidence in court for both the prosecution and the defence in cases of sudden unexpected death in infants. Between 2010 and 2016, following challenges I made to the shaken baby hypothesis, I was subjected to a General Medical Council tribunal, defending claims made against me by the Metropolitan Police, including, among other things, that I had "confused juries with science." An initial finding against me by a lay panel was quickly overturned on Appeal. However, the effect on the community of potential defence experts was significant, with the vast majority now unwilling to similarly risk their medical licenses by challenging Shaken Baby Syndrome as I had done. As a consequence, courts in the UK are unlikely to hear the full spectrum of views on the subject.

In 2015 I received the Innocence Network's "Champion of Justice" Award.

## **Dr Huw Twamley**

### **Regional Medical Examiner, NHS Patient Safety**

#### **The Medical Examiner System in England and Wales. What have been its successes and are there any changes needed?**

Dr Huw Twamley is the Regional Medical Examiner for the Northwest region which includes Lancashire and South Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, and Merseyside. He is responsible for the implementation of the Medical Examiner system across the region and overseeing the 21 Medical Examiner Offices, alongside the Regional Medical Examiner Officer Bob Wilson. He reports to the National Medical Examiner Alan Fletcher.



Huw is a dual trained Intensive Care and Anaesthetic Consultant based at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. His former roles include Regional Clinical Lead for Organ Donation, Clinical Director for Intensive Care, Trust Mortality lead and Associate Divisional Medical Director for Medicine.

He is currently a tutor for the LLM in Coronial law at the University of Bolton and a doctoral student for the Centre of Contemporary Coronial Law at The University of Bolton, looking at the impact of the Medical Examiner system on the Coronial Jurisdiction.

## **Prof Tim Grant**

### **Professor of Forensic Linguistics, Aston University**

#### **Forensic Linguistics: Improving the Delivery of Justice through the Analysis of Language**



Tim Grant is Professor of Forensic Linguistics and was founding Director of the Aston Institute for Forensic Linguistics at Aston University, UK (2019-2024). His main research interests are in forensic authorship analysis - focusing on short form messages such as SMS text and messaging apps messages. He has a 2022 book in this area *The Idea of Progress in Forensic Authorship Analysis*. His work has also focussed on using linguistics to assist in investigations into the abuse and exploitation of children and adults that occurs on the darkweb, and also on the open internet. Publications in this area include a number of papers and a co-authored book with Dr Nicci Macleod: *Language and Online Identities: The Undercover Policing of Internet Sexual Crime*. Other publications include work on the linguistics of the police interview and how linguists can advise and train police officers to be better interviewers. In this area he has co-edited a volume: *Communication in Investigative and Legal Contexts*. For his academic work Prof Grant was awarded 2008 Joseph Lister Prize in the Social Sciences by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Grant has extensive experience of providing expert investigative assistance to UK police, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other UK and overseas agencies, and in providing evidence for both prosecution and defence, and in civil cases. In the criminal domain he was in 2019 awarded a Director's Commendation from the NCA for his work that contributed to the arrest of Matthew Falder who was found guilty of 237 offences against vulnerable adults and children. On the civil side he provided authorship evidence with Malcolm Coulthard in the \$50bn Yukos arbitration hearings.

## **Prof Nikolas Lemos**

### **Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences, Queen Mary University of London**

#### **Forensic Toxicology 'Nitazenes'**



Nikolas Lemos, a native of Greece, is board-certified as Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (F-ABFT) and started his career researching alcohol and drug detection analysis in alternative biological specimens including nails and bile. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminalistics/Forensic Chemistry in 1992, his Master's in Forensic Science (Toxicology) in 1996 and his Doctorate in Forensic Medicine and Science (Analytical and Forensic Toxicology) in 1999. He worked in academia in London before accepting the position of Chief Forensic Toxicologist at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San Francisco in 2003. In 2005 he was appointed Director of the Forensic Laboratory Division of the same Office where he spearheaded both the ABFT accreditation of that lab and the successful certification by ABFT of its staff forensic toxicologists.

He served as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the California Association of Toxicologists from its inception until 2022. He is active in TIAFT (elected board member from 2022-2024), SOFT, IACFT (founding member) and the National Association of Medical Examiners. He is Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, and Fellow of American Academy of Forensic Sciences (Toxicology Section) where he served as its first Chair of the Diversity and Outreach Committee. He was also elected Toxicology Section Chair from 2018 to 2019.

He has authored/co-authored over 85 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts, and book chapters including the first ever study of Cannabinoids in Fingernails (JAT, May 1999) and the first ever study of Cannabinoids in Postmortem Toxicology (JAT, September 2011). He previously served as Science Editor of "Medicine, Science and the Law," and is currently the Forensic Toxicology Editor-in-Chief for "Forensic Sciences Research." He is recipient of numerous scholarships, research and equipment grants and awards. In 2005, he was honoured by the 109th Congress of the United States of America with a Proclamation of Achievement "for dedicating his life and career to community safety and social awareness."



## **Dr Amy Hamm**

**Forensic Physician and Treasurer, FFLM**

**Chair: Friday Afternoon (Legal Medicine)**

Amy moved into full time forensic medicine from Paediatrics in 2018 when she became clinical Lead and the registered manager of the Southwest SOE service. Training and supervising SARC doctors and nurses across six counties. Amy went on to have a national role as the Clinical Director of G4S Health and currently is Clinical Director of Gloucester, Swindon & Dorset SARC. She gives her time to the FFLM as an Appraiser, Examiner and in her role as Treasurer



## **Dr Sonja Ayeb-Karlsson**

**Associate Professor in Policy & Intersectionality, University College London**

**Unregulated Experts in the Family Court**

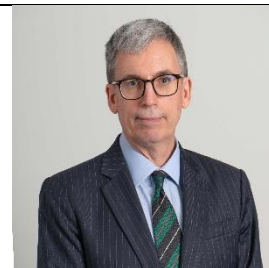
Assoc Prof Sonja Ayeb-Karlsson is a world leading senior researcher with almost 12,000 publications citing her work (h-29/i-10-43) which includes 100 publications whereof over 50 peer reviewed articles. Ayeb-Karlsson's research is broad and interdisciplinary with a particular focus on policy, intersectionality, and violence, as well as their overlaps with migration, refugees and trapped populations, trafficking or health and mental wellbeing. She is based at the Department of Risk and Disaster Reduction where she leads the 'Everyday Disasters and Violences Research Group' and two modules on humanitarian policy and responses to violence and marginalisation. Before joining UCL, Ayeb-Karlsson worked as a Senior Researcher at the United Nations University's Migration Section in Bonn, Germany. She currently leads the mental health and intersectionality work of the Lancet Countdown, and she was part of the 'Royal College of Psychiatrist's Climate Emergency and Mental Health Task and Finish Group'. She is a core member of the Hague Mothers UK steering committee and the Council of Europe's Network of Specialised lawyers and NGOs assisting women victims of violence. She is an associate editor for and on the editorial boards of several international high impact academic journals. Her work is widely covered by media outlets across the world.

## **Dr Michael Devlin**

### **Head of Professional Standards and Liaison, Medical Defence Union**

#### **Professional Regulatory Changes in the Past Year**

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 and 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 book chapters. He has a significant amount of experience in teaching and assessing knowledge in medico-legal subjects.



## **Dr Bernadette Butler**

### **President, FFLM**

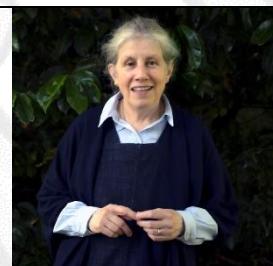
#### **Welcome / Chair: Friday Afternoon**

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, 24 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 Sub-committee (FSSC). She has the honour of being your President, from May 2023 - May 2025.

Until September 2023, she was 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. She is the Chairman of the Forensic Science Regulator's (FSRM) Medical Forensics Specialist Group, (MFSG).

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 36 years.





## **Prof Jason Payne-James**

### **Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine & Consultant Forensic Physician**

#### **Specialist Recognition for Forensic and Legal Medicine: Update and Future Plans for the Specialty Application**



Jason Payne-James is a Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine and a Consultant Forensic Physician. Interests are broad-ranging and include documentation and interpretation of injury; evidential sampling; wound and scar interpretation; complaints against healthcare professionals; sexual assault; non-accidental injury; intimate partner violence; non-fatal strangulation; restraint and less-lethal systems; miscarriages of justice; healthcare in detention; cause of death; death investigation; medical negligence; death and harm in custody; substance use; human rights abuses and torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. He is Honorary Clinical Professor, William Harvey Research Institute, Queen Mary University of London; Lead Medical Examiner at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospitals University NHS Trust; Chair of the UK Scientific Advisory Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal weapons; member of the Specialist Advisory Committee of the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board on forensic & legal medicine; President of the European Council of Legal & Forensic Medicine. He is director of Forensic Healthcare Services Ltd. He is past-President of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine and past-President of the International Association of Clinical Forensic Medicine (formerly the World Police Medical Officers). He was founding editor-in-chief of the Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine. He has co-authored or co-edited (amongst others) the Encyclopedia of Forensic & Legal Medicine (1st, 2nd and 3rd editions); the 13th, 14th and 15th editions of Simpson's Forensic Medicine, Current Practice in Forensic Medicine (1st, 2nd and 3rd editions); The Medical Examiner System in England & Wales: A Practical Guide; Symptoms & Signs of Substance Use (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th editions) and Forensic & Legal Medicine: Clinical & Pathological Aspects. He medicolegal practice extends across the UK and internationally.

## **Dr Amoret Whitaker**

### **Senior Lecturer, University of Winchester**



Amoret is a full-time Senior Lecturer teaching on the BSc (Hons) Forensic Investigation at the University of Winchester, specialising in Forensic Ecology, Forensic Medicine, Forensic Imaging and Presenting Forensic Evidence. Her background, however, is in Entomology, having studied a BSc (Hons) in Zoology at the University of Reading, followed by an MSc in Taxonomy and Biodiversity at Imperial College London, based at the Natural History Museum. During her entomological career, she has studied a wide variety of insects, such as hoverflies, tiger beetles and parasitic wasps. Her first proper foray into medical and veterinary entomology was whilst rewriting the Handbook of British Fleas. At the Natural History Museum, where she was based for 15 years, the flea and fly collections were always kept together – this association led to a part-time PhD in Forensic Entomology with King's College London, based at the NHM. As well as gathering data from fieldwork and labwork on piglet carcasses in London, a considerable portion of her PhD thesis was based on fieldwork carried out at the Anthropological Research Facility in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she studied insect colonisation and development on donated human cadavers, as well as carrying out pig comparison studies and thermal imaging. This naturally led on to undertaking forensic casework, her first case involving fleas and a blood-soaked carpet. Since 2004, Amoret has been carrying out forensic entomology casework for police forces and independent forensic providers throughout the UK, working mainly on cases of unexpected death, but also cases of neglect of vulnerable people. She is a regular contributor to television documentaries, entomology consultant for artists and authors, and an invited speaker at national and international conferences.



## **Prof Ian Wall**

### **Consultant Forensic Physician and Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine**

Professor Ian Wall is a Consultant Forensic Physician and specialist in forensic and legal medicine working for Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Ian deals with the whole range of clinical forensic medicine and until recently, was the Clinical Lead of Serenity Sexual Assault Referral Centre, providing a regional service to children and adults in the East Midlands. His particular medical interests are quality standards in forensic medicine.

Outside medicine his previous interests were helping his wife with competitive pony carriage driving and now his current interest is in classic cars.

### **After-Dinner Address: Reflection on the Past 20 Years**

Ian was the final President of the Association of Forensic Physicians when the Faculty was created in 2005 by the Royal College of Physicians incorporating a combination of forensic physicians, medical coroners and doctors of the three UK medical defence organisations.

He was a founding Fellow of the Faculty, the first David Jenkins Professor, the second FFLM President and third Academic Dean.

His talk will encompass key developments of the Faculty, particularly those in the early years, interspersed with anecdotes from his forensic travels.



## **Dr Deryn Evans**

### **Forensic Physician and Academic Dean, FFLM**

### **Chair: Saturday Morning**

Deryn is the lead forensic physician in Jersey and the clinical director of the local SARC. She also works as a GP to homeless and vulnerable adults and as a medical referee. She is a GP appraiser and is the Academic Dean for the Faculty. When not working, she enjoys walking her two black labradors on the cliff paths.



## **Prof Felicity Goodyear-Smith**

**Professor of General Practice and Primary Health, University of Auckland**

### **Who Makes Wrongful Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Why?**

Felicity Goodyear-Smith is a Professor of general practice and primary health care at the University of Auckland, a Distinguished Fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, and a Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine since 2014. She has worked in the sexual abuse field since 1982, initially as an examining doctor and teacher and subsequently as a researcher, with the publication of a number of peer-reviewed journal papers, books and book chapters pertaining to sexual assault issues. She has appeared as an expert witness for both the prosecution and the defence in criminal and family court hearings. This presentation is based on her invited chapter in the book 'Current Practice in Forensic Medicine, Volume 3', edited by John Gall and Jason Payne-James. Wiley, UK, 2022: Who makes false allegations and why? The nature, motives and mental health status of those who wrongly allege sexual assault.



## **Emily Spurrell**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside**

### **The Role of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Emily is in her second term as Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Merseyside. She was first elected in May 2021 and re-elected in May 2024 with 61.7% of the public vote.

As PCC, Emily has prioritised preventing crime, tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), improving police scrutiny and transparency, and supporting victims of crime. These are encapsulated in Emily's Police and Crime Plan for the region, which focuses on three key pillars:

- Fighting Crime; Proactive Policing.
- Supporting Victims; Safer Communities.
- Driving Change; Prevent Offending.

Emily is committed to being a visible and proactive PCC, who is dedicated to connecting with local people and fighting for greater resources and investment for our region. In her first term of office, she secured more than £14m of additional funding for the region.

To ensure she represents the voices of residents across Merseyside, she holds monthly Advice Surgeries and livestreams her public Scrutiny Meetings which include questions from the public and independent members.

Emily is the national lead on Custody and Joint Lead for Criminal Justice on behalf of all PCCs through the Association of PCCs (APCC). She is also on the Board of Directors for the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA).

Prior to being elected, Emily was Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner from September 2017 to March 2019 leading on the victims' portfolio. She also served as a Liverpool City Councillor between 2012 and 2021, taking the lead for Community Safety from 2014 onwards.

Emily lives in Crosby, Sefton, with her husband Graeme, their son and dog.



## **Dr Anton van Dellen**

**Barrister and Assistant Registrar,**

**FFLM Chair: Saturday Morning**



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. He was awarded a Princess Royal Scholarship from Inner Temple and was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford.

## **Mr Luke Gittos**

**Partner, Murray Hughman**

**Is there Justice within the English Criminal Legal System?**



Luke is a partner at Murray Hughman Solicitors where he manages a caseload of complex criminal litigation. He is also the director of the Freedom Law Clinic which uses law students to review cases with a view to challenging criminal convictions. He is a writer and commentator and appears regularly in the broadcast and print media.



## **Dr Charlotte Proudman**

**Barrister, Goldsmith Chambers**

### **Child Safeguarding: An Overview of the System, Training and Case Outcomes. Is the System Working as was Intended?**



Dr Charlotte Proudman is an award-winning barrister, Cambridge academic, and leading advocate for women's rights. She represents survivors of rape, domestic abuse, and coercive control in court while challenging systemic misconceptions and advocating for legal reform to protect victims. Charlotte bridges law and academia as a Senior Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, where she teaches and researches gender inequality under the law.

Charlotte earned her doctorate from King's College, Cambridge, specialising in female genital mutilation (FGM) law and policy. She played a key role in the introduction of FGM Protection Orders and continues to represent FGM survivors while publishing extensively on the subject.

Over the past decade, Charlotte drove significant legal changes to advance gender equality. She was pivotal in the criminalisation of forced marriage, virginity testing, hymenoplasty, and child marriage. Collaborating with Girls Not Brides, she successfully campaigned to raise the legal marriage age from 16 to 18.

As the founder of Right to Equality, Charlotte champions gender equality and diversity, focusing on access to justice. The organisation addresses abuses of power, male violence, and systemic inequality and campaigns to end the presumption of child contact with abusive parents.

## **Mr Mark McDonald**

**Barrister**

**Lucy Letby**



Mark McDonald has a formidable reputation within criminal law and specialises in criminal defence and human rights.

In 2007 Mark founded the London Innocence Project, a non-profit legal resource clinic. The project worked to exonerate the wrongfully convicted by examining their cases and subjecting both the evidence and the trial process itself to close scrutiny. Mark led a team of barristers and bar student volunteers committed to providing high-quality legal representation to those who maintained their innocence.

Mark advises regularly on appeals against conviction and sentence to the Court of Appeal and continues to be involved in a number of high profile appeals against conviction including Lucy Letby, Michael Stone and Ben Geen.

Mark helped set up a UK based group, Amicus which became a leading charity working on the death penalty in the USA. As a Trustee he created a training programme on US criminal procedure and constitutional law enabling the organisation to send hundreds of lawyers to the US to help assist the representation of inmates on death row.

Mark has worked across the political spectrum on a number of issues including human rights in the Middle East, the Godard Independent Inquiry into Sexual Abuse and campaigning for the Human Rights Act and the abolition of the death penalty. He has also appeared before the Privy Council representing inmates on Death Row in Jamaica and Trinidad.

## **Mr Gary Pugh OBE**

### **Forensic Science Regulator**

#### **Forensic Science Regulation**

Gary Pugh began his career as a forensic scientist in 1979. After ten years as an operational forensic scientist and expert witness he entered a Cabinet Office leadership programme. In 1990 he was on the team that established the Forensic Science Service(FSS) as an Executive Agency. He became a Director in the FSS in 1999 and acted as the Senior Scientific Adviser to the HMIC and the FSS Board representative on the Home Office DNA Expansion Programme.

In 2004, he took up the post of Director of Forensic Services at the Metropolitan Police Service. He developed and implemented major programmes of organisational change. As a member of ACPO he served two terms as Chair of the National DNA Database Strategy Board and was the SRO for the strategic matcher project within the Home Office Biometrics programme.

He has given evidence to parliamentary select committees and in 2015 wrote a chapter for the second Annual Report of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Forensic Science and Beyond: Authenticity, Provenance and Assurance. He was a visiting Professor in Forensic Science at Northumbria University (2008-2017), awarded Fellow of Kings College London (2014) and awarded OBE in the 2011 New Years Honours list.



## **Dr Matt Kneale**

### **Former Chair, Doctors' Association UK**

#### **Physician Associates**

Dr Matt Kneale, former Chair of the Doctors' Association UK, has dedicated over five years to campaigning for safety and accountability in the NHS. A prominent advocate for addressing medicolegal risks linked to Medical Allied Professional roles, he has been a consistent voice in the press and political arenas since 2023. Dr Kneale has pushed for stricter regulations, safer role scopes, and greater accountability to protect patients and professionals. He remains committed to fighting for justice in cases of patient harm, ensuring that safety and fairness are at the heart of the NHS.





## **Kate Eves OBE**

### **Former Chair of the Brook House Inquiry**

#### **Brook House Inquiry**

Kate Eves OBE recently chaired the Brook House Inquiry, the first statutory inquiry into abuse in immigration detention in the United Kingdom.



Kate has over 25 years' experience of complex investigations within secure criminal justice settings. She has investigated prisoner homicides, suicides and natural cause deaths in prisons and jails in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Kate has previously served as the Head of Violence Reduction for HM Prison Service and led suicide and homicide Investigations for the Prisons & Probation Ombudsman. She has also worked for HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the UK's first cross-sector Forum on Preventing Deaths in Custody.

In the United States, Kate worked for a number of federal, state and city jurisdictions, including the New York City Board of Correction, where she developed and implemented the methodology for death investigations across the City's jails. She also worked in public and private prisons across the United States, interviewing victims of sexual violence while incarcerated and assessing compliance with the federal government's Prison Rape Elimination Act.

## **Prof Michael Freeman**

### **Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine and Epidemiology, Maastricht University and Consultant in Forensic Medicine**

#### **David Jenkins Lecture: The Role of Innumeracy in Wrongful Convictions and Exonerations**



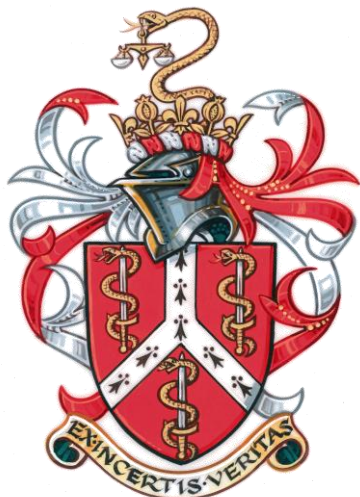
Michael Freeman divides his time between work as a tenured associate professor of forensic medicine and epidemiology at Maastricht University Medical Center (NL) and clinical professor of forensic psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, and as a forensic medical consultant. 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.

Prof. Freeman has published around 230 scientific papers, books, and book chapters, primarily focusing on issues relating to forensic applications of epidemiology to the evaluations of general and specific causation, with a particular focus on cause of death investigations. 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 is the incoming Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, the official journal of the FFLM.

Prof. Freeman holds a doctor of medicine 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. Dr. Freeman is a past US Fulbright Fellow with the U.S. Department of State in the area of forensic medicine.



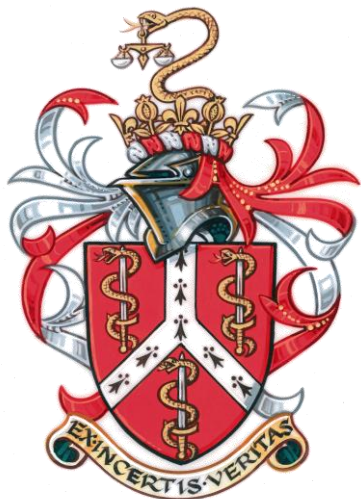
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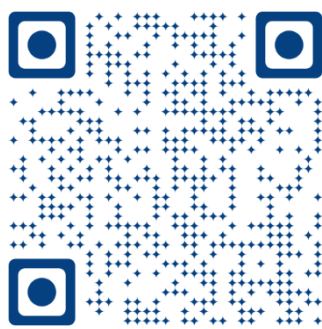
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