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# **FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE**

## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2026**

**“The Anatomy of a Case: From  
Causes to Rehabilitation”**

Friday 08 and Saturday 09 May 2026

Leonardo Royal Hotel – St Paul’s, London

**Conference Booklet**



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## Welcome to the FFLM Annual Conference 2026

We are delighted to welcome you to our 19th Annual Conference — and it is always a pleasure to be back in London, the home of our parent college, the Royal College of Physicians.

Over the next two days, we invite you to explore our theme, *The Anatomy of a Case: From Causes to Rehabilitation*. Through this programme, we will follow the journey of a case from the factors that lead individuals to offend, through investigation and professional practice, to courtroom experience, rehabilitation, and longer-term outcomes. We hope the sessions spark discussion and offer fresh perspectives from across our multidisciplinary community.

This booklet includes the full programme, speaker biographies, and details of upcoming FFLM events. We hope it serves as a helpful guide throughout your time at the conference and supports you in making the most of the sessions ahead.

Thank you for joining us. We wish you an enjoyable, engaging, and inspiring conference.



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## Logistics

### On The Day

The lectures will be taking place in the Wren Suite, which is located on the Lower Ground Level 2 of the hotel. The registration desk will be situated in the adjoining lobby area (refreshments will also be served here). Registration will take place from 08:30 – 08:55.

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

### The Venue

The Leonardo Royal Hotel St Paul's is located in the heart of London's financial district (click here for a [map](#)). It is a short walk from St Paul's, Mansion House, and Blackfriars stations, and directions from each station can be found [here](#).

There is no on-site parking. Baynard House Car Park at 133 Queen Victoria Street (EC4V 4BQ) provides 233 spaces and is open 24/7. Further information and rates are available on their [website](#).

### 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 #FFLMConf26

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 08 May 2026

09:00 – 10:30 **Annual General Meeting**

10:30 – 10:50 *Refreshments / Registration (non-AGM attendees)*

### ***Before the Offence: Early Vulnerabilities and Risk Factors***

*Chaired by Samantha Fenoulhet, FFLM Conference Lead and Deputy Registrar*

10:50 – 11:00 **Welcome**  
Dr Alex Gorton, FFLM President

11:00 – 11:30 **Autism and the Criminal Justice System**  
Prof Katie Maras, Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Policing Academic Centre of Excellence (P-ACE), University of Bath

11:30 – 12:00 **Risk Factors: Mental Health**  
Dr Bradley Hillier, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist

12:00 – 12:30 **How Senior Advice Supports Clinical Decision-Making**  
Dr Bernadette Butler, Forensic Physician and Specialty Doctor, Immediate Past-President, FFLM

12:30 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

### ***Responding to the Offence***

*Chaired by Dr Amy Hamm, FFLM Treasurer*

14:00 – 14:45 **FSR Code V2 in Action: Lessons from SARC and Applying Them in Custody**  
Dr Marc Bailey, Forensic Science Regulator

14:45 – 15:30 **Hot Topics in Forensic & Legal Medicine: Your Questions Answered**

- Dr Zoe Callon, Research Manager, Institute for Addressing Strangulation
- Dr Elaine Cook, Dentolegal Consultant and Vice-President for Legal Medicine, FFLM
- Zoe Lane, Associate Director of Nursing - Safeguarding (Children & Maternity), King's College and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, FFLM
- Keeley Roe, SAAS Senior Programme Manager, NHS England

15:30 – 16:00 *Refreshments*

16:00 – 17:00 **David Jenkins Lecture: Changes in Editorial Attention to Children's Health**

- Dr Peter Green, Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding for Wandsworth, Consultant for Child Safeguarding, St George's University Hospital
- Emelia Shead, St George's Hospital Medical School
- Joseph Ruffle, St George's Hospital Medical School

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



## Programme - Saturday 09 May 2026

### ***Inside the Courtroom: Challenges, Pitfalls, and Lived Experiences***

*Chaired by Samantha Fenoulhet, FFLM Deputy Registrar and Conference Lead*

- 08:55 – 09:00 **Welcome Back – Introduction to the Day**  
Dr Alex Gorton, FFLM President
- 09:00 – 09:30 **The Professional Witness: Challenges and Pitfalls**  
Simon Jelf, Barrister and Expert Witness Trainer, Bond Solon
- 09:30 – 10:15 **Courtroom Experiences: Insights from Victims**  
Amy Glover, Director of Services: Domestic Abuse, Advance  
Cindy Adelaide, Survivor, Advance

10:15 – 10:45 **Panel Discussion**

10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments*

### ***Managing Risk Post-Offence***

*Chaired by Dr Iain Brew, FFLM Registrar*

- 11:15 – 11:45 **Managing Self-Harm and Suicide Risk in Secure Settings**  
Dr Wrettham Ladbroke-Chartres, Consultant Forensic and General Adult Psychiatrist
- 11:45 – 12:10 **'Blue Guidelines' - Highlighting Updates to the 6th Edition**
  - Prof Margaret Stark, Specialist in Forensic & Legal Medicine, Consultant Forensic Physician
  - Dr Emmert Roberts, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Addiction Psychiatry, Kings College London, Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist
- 12:10 – 12:35 **Child Interviews: Navigating the Risk**  
Dr Heidi Hales, Consultant Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist

12:35 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

### ***Long-Term Impact and Rehabilitation***

*Chaired by Dr Deryn Evans, FFLM Academic Dean*

- 14:00 – 14:45 **Long-Term Outcomes for Victims**  
Katie Thomas, SARC Manager, Willow House
- 14:45 – 15:10 **Managing Offenders: Pathways to Rehabilitation**
- 15:10 – 15:30 **Panel Discussion**
- 15:30 – 15:50 *Refreshments*
- 15:50 – 16:10 **SR Johnson Prize Winner: Contrast and Non-Contrast Computed Tomography in Coronial Autopsy Practice**  
Dr Alexander Matthews, F1 Resident Doctor, North Bristol NHS Trust
- 16:10 – 16:30 **Student Prize Presentations and Concluding Remarks**



## Speakers and Chairs

### **Samantha Fenoulhet**

#### **Deputy Registrar and Conference Lead**

#### **Chair: Friday Morning and Saturday Morning**

Samantha Fenoulhet has been a midwife for 30 years, working mainly in the community, following a career in business management. She became a sexual offence examiner in 2017 and has worked for various SARC providers including the NHS gaining experience and seniority. She completed her Part 1 FFLM Licentiate (SOM) in 2020 and Part 2 (SOM) in 2022. In 2024 she became the SARC FSR/ISO clinical practice lead for the largest provider of SARCs in the UK, focusing on quality and governance, training and competency and UKAS inspections to ISO15189 and also completed her Chartered Management Institute Leadership and Management Diploma. She is an FFLM SOM Examiner in training and a member of the FFLM Training and Education Subcommittee. In her spare time, she enjoys various gym classes, walking up the Malvern Hills where she lives and travelling to new parts of the world.



### **Dr Alex Gorton**

#### **President, FFLM**

#### **Welcome / 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 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.





### **Prof Katie Maras**

**Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Policing Academic Centre of Excellence (P-ACE), University of Bath**

#### **Autism and the Criminal Justice System**

Katie Maras is a Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Policing Academic Centre of Excellence (P-ACE) at the University of Bath. Her research spans two main areas: neurodiversity and forensic psychology, and the intersection between them. She has particular expertise regarding interviewing techniques and is currently leading a three-year ESRC-funded project examining how autistic people can be supported to provide their best evidence in court. Katie works with policy makers, police and other legal professionals to provide evidence-based policy, guidance and training when working with autistic people.



### **Prof Bradley Hillier**

**Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist**

#### **Risk Factors: Mental Health**

Dr Bradley Hillier is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist for the States of Jersey, Channel Islands, and has worked in a number of other organisations such as HMP Wandsworth, Broadmoor High Secure Hospital, and West London Forensic Service. He trained in medicine at the University of Oxford and in psychiatry in London rotations, including Charing Cross, Maudsley and St George's. He holds roles in the Royal College of Psychiatrists and has an interest in medicolegal practice, where he frequently provides expert evidence to Courts in a range of cases, but more recently homicides and complex cases involving mental health factors. He has interests in international psychiatry and provides expert consultation to the Committee for the Prevention of Torture at the Council of Europe, as well as in addiction psychiatry and has clinical and academic interests in Chemsex and is a trustee of the substance use charity "We Are With You", one of the larger national providers.





### **Dr Bernadette Butler**

**Forensic Physician and Specialty Doctor  
Immediate Past-President, FFLM**

#### **How Senior Advice Supports Clinical Decision-Making**

Bernadette Butler, ('Dr B') graduated from St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London, sometime in the last century. Her post-graduate career began in obstetrics & gynaecology, but family commitments led her to work part-time. In 2000, she began working at the Havens, the London SARCs managed by King's College Hospital. She has an interest in education and training, hence her former role as their Clinical Education and Training Lead (CETL). She has held a number of roles for the FFLM, including: Academic Dean, 2016-2019, Examiner for the LFFLM (SOM) and MFFLM (SOM) and the Lead for the Part 1, single best answer (SBA) paper, LFFLM SOM, 2023-2025. She has written and co-authored a number of FFLM publications. She is a member of the Forensic Science Subcommittee, (FSSC) and was FFLM President 2023-2025 and is the Immediate Past President, until the President-Elect for 2027 is announced later this year.

She had the privilege of working with forensic specialists whilst Chairman of the Forensic Science Regulator's (FSR's) Medical Forensics Specialist Group, (MFSG) until September 2025. In the past, she has been an Assistant Deputy Coroner for Surrey and President of the Clinical Forensic & Legal Medicine Section at the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM).

She sits as a Lay Magistrate (Justice of the Peace, JP) in Surrey and knows a fair amount about Great Dane dogs.



### **Dr Amy Hamm**

**Forensic Physician and Treasurer, FFLM**

#### **Chair: Friday Afternoon**

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 Marc Bailey**

### **Forensic Science Regulator**

#### **FSR Code V2 in Action: Lessons from SARC and Applying Them in Custody**

Dr Marc Bailey took up the position of Forensic Science Regulator in July 2025. Marc started as an academic, researching infectious disease before moving to the National Physical Laboratory to set up a biotechnology research programme developing standards and biological reference materials to support the ISO system. Marc moved to Nokia Research where he established Digital Health research developing systems for measuring health and wellness using mobile devices before moving to the Medical and Healthcare product Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to lead their analytical laboratories. Marc held various roles at MHRA including Chief Science Research and Innovation Officer and gained expertise in regulation, regulatory science and standardisation. Marc applies his diverse skills to address the breadth of regulatory challenges in forensic science.

## **Dr Zoe Callon**

### **Research Manager, Institute for Addressing Strangulation**

#### **Hot Topics in Forensic and Legal Medicine: Your Questions Answered**

Dr Zoe Callon has a PhD in Forensic Psychology from Bournemouth University, focusing on police culture within a rape investigation unit. Her current role as Research Manager at the Institute for Addressing Strangulation (IFAS) involves responsibility for the design and delivery of multiple research projects. This has included quantitative analysis of police cases regarding victims, suspects, and contexts of reported strangulation, and qualitative analysis of the mental health and coping strategies of individuals with lived experience of strangulation.





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### **Dr Elaine Cook**

**Dentolegal Consultant and Vice-President for Legal Medicine, FFLM**

#### **Hot Topics in Forensic and Legal Medicine: Your Questions Answered**

I have worked for Medical Protection Society (Dental Protection) since September 2014 as a full-time Dentolegal Consultant.

I have a background as a General Dental Practitioner within the Armed Forces: the Royal Army Dental Corps for five years and then the Royal Air Force for 16 1/2 years. I currently still work in private practice on a sessional basis and I am the Senior Dental Officer on 4626 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron within the Royal Air Force Reserves, responsible for the training and career management of all Reserve Dental Officers and Dental Nurses.

I have undertaken further postgraduate training in both dentistry and law.

I have a keen interest in Forensic Odontology and I am currently going through the BAFO Mentoring Programme and participate in a Dental Forensic Team on-call rota for the UK.

I regularly present talks and webinars to dental practitioners and dental care professionals both face to face and remotely and had a number of articles on various dental subjects published in the dental journals.

I live in rural Lincolnshire, and I am kept very busy by my four rescue spaniels.





## Zoe Lane

**Associate Director of Nursing - Safeguarding (Children & Maternity), King's College and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, FFLM**

### Hot Topics in Forensic and Legal Medicine: Your Questions Answered

I am currently working as an Associate Director of Nursing for Safeguarding Children and Maternity. I have been leading in safeguarding services since 2015. In addition, I have been commissioned externally for training since 2019 and am deputy Safeguarding Lead for the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.



#### Qualifications:

- BSc in General Nursing
- Post Graduate Diploma in Paediatric Nursing
- Expert Witness Course (Bond Solon)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding.

#### Training / Experience:

- I have trained a variety of professionals on key safeguarding topics – Safeguarding Children, Medical Neglect, NAI, FII, Adolescent safeguarding (CCE/CSE)
- Training has been multi professional, legal teams, social care, police, health professionals, and education professionals.
- It has been national through HEE, local authority based or through agencies.

#### Other work and Expertise:

- I have completed work alongside Child Protection professionals in Seattle. I have produced expert reports across the safeguarding partnership for law firms, local authorities and health.

## Keeley Roe

**Sexual Assault Service Senior Programme Manager, NHS England**

### Hot Topics in Forensic and Legal Medicine: Your Questions Answered

I have worked for over 15 years in sexual violence services, firstly within Rape Crisis, where I've had the privilege of supporting survivors and advocating for their needs, as well as my more recent role as the Sexual assault and abuse services Senior Programme Manager for NHSE. Before my NHSE role, I worked across the UK as a Forensic Nurse Examiner and Clinical lead for the Northern region. This work meant I directly supported survivors to ensure they receive the medical and legal care they deserve.

Throughout my career, I've seen firsthand the impact of sexual violence and abuse on individuals and communities, and I am passionate about creating effective, trauma-informed programs that empower and heal.



### **Dr Peter Green**

**Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding for Wandsworth  
Consultant for Child Safeguarding, St George's University Hospital**

#### **David Jenkins Lecture: Changes in Editorial Attention to Children's Health**

Post registration, I worked under the wisdom and guidance of the late great Professor "Taffy" Cameron, who led the forensic pathology team at the, then, London Hospital Medical School. That spell seduced me into Forensic Medicine, my professional mistress for the next 40 years. My work with victims of child abuse led to an invitation to work as the Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding based at St Georges Hospital, Tooting in 2007. I was the first person to gain GMC specialist recognition in Forensic and Legal Medicine in 2012. Since then, I founded the National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals for Children (NNDHP), the first of a number of NHS safeguarding networks, and I remain its medical co-chair. I have published a number of articles and chapters on various aspects of child safeguarding and sit on the cross-government department expert advisory group. Out of earshot, I play the piano, guitar and autoharp. Despite the balm that gives my soul, I have no plans to retire just yet.



### **Emelia Shead**

**St George's Hospital Medical School**

#### **David Jenkins Lecture: Changes in Editorial Attention to Children's Health**

My name is Emelia Shead, from St George's Hospital Medical School. I have a BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Liverpool (2022), following this I attended St George's Hospital Medical School on their Graduate Entry Programme, where I have just completed my Final Year. I will be beginning my F1 training at Basingstoke Hospital in August, and I hope to apply to Paediatrics speciality training in the future. Outside of Medicine, I am a keen hockey player, holding the role of President for my club this year!





## Joseph Ruffle

### St George's Hospital Medical School

#### David Jenkins Lecture: Changes in Editorial Attention to Children's Health

Joseph Ruffle is a medical student at St George's, University of London, with a strong interest in child health, safeguarding, and the growing space where medicine and law meet. His recent research explores how children's needs were represented in major medical journals during the COVID-19 pandemic, combining clinical curiosity with a forensic eye for detail. Joe enjoys working at the boundary between the clinic and the courtroom - a place where evidence matters, words carry weight, and friendly debate is practically inevitable.



## Simon Jelf

### Barrister and Expert Witness Trainer, Bond Solon

#### The Professional Witness: Challenges and Pitfalls

Simon Jelf is a practising barrister specialising in the area of partnership law, with a particular specialism in GPs working within the NHS. He has also been a consultant to Bond Solon for over 25 years, in which time he has worked with thousands of witnesses helping them to prepare effective written evidence and to get across to courts and tribunals the evidence they need. Using his experience, he is able to help witnesses better to understand their role in the process and how (not) to react to the techniques used by barristers. Simon has a particular interest in neurodiversity both within the education sector and the criminal justice system.





## Amy Glover

### Director of Domestic Abuse Services, Advance

#### Courtroom Experiences: Insights from Victims

Amy Glover is the Director of Domestic Abuse services at Advance and has over 15 years' experience working in the domestic and sexual abuse sector.



She began her career on the domestic abuse helpline and has since grown her skills and expertise, leading to her overseeing child sexual abuse services, accommodation services, perpetrator work, group work, training and therapeutic services, and most recently domestic abuse services at Advance. She is passionate about assessing and developing strategies to end domestic and sexual abuse, including advocating for long-term needs-led support for survivors and appropriate interventions for perpetrators.

## Cindy Adelaide

### Survivor, Advance

#### Courtroom Experiences: Insights from Victims

Cindy Adelaide is a French woman of Caribbean background who has lived in London for 15 years. She is a survivor of domestic violence, specifically coercive control, at the hands of her son's father. When her baby was just five days old, the father attempted to strangle Cindy's mother. On the same day, two of his sisters—one of whom had just passed her exam to become a police officer—assaulted Cindy in an apparent attempt to take her newborn.



Forced to go to court, Cindy complied with social services, underwent mental health evaluations, and completed parenting courses—often without her child present. She was eventually granted only half custody. When her son was three, he disclosed abuse by the father and other family members. However, instead of being protected, Cindy lost custody entirely after reporting the abuse. She has now had no contact with her child for eight years yet is still required to pay child maintenance.

The father has repeatedly pursued financial control through civil courts, seeking half of child benefits and financial compensation. Despite the clear pattern of abuse—including strangulation, family-led assault, and manipulation of legal processes—the court system has failed to recognise the dynamics of coercive control. The perpetrator presents as socially functional, and the system prioritises his image over the safety and wellbeing of both mother and child. Cindy's case illustrates how domestic abuse survivors can be revictimised by family courts, losing their children and being forced to financially support their abuser.



### **Dr Iain Brew**

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

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

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.



### **Dr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres**

#### **Consultant Forensic and General Adult Psychiatrist**

#### **Managing Self-Harm and Suicide Risk in Secure Settings**

Dr Ladbrooke-Chartres trained at Imperial College London and has been working in Psychiatry since 2013. He trained in Wessex and became a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2017. During training he completed a Diploma in Group Work Practice with the Institute of Group Analysis alongside completing a Certificate of Completion of Training in Forensic and General Adult Psychiatry. During this time he worked in a range of settings from Secure Hospitals to Community Mental Health teams. He is now a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and a Founding Member of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

As a consultant he has worked within the NHS for Practice Plus Group at HMP Winchester and Ford, with previous experience of working at HMP The Verne, Lewes and the Isle of Wight. This work involves the assessment and treatment of a broad range of mental illnesses. He has particular interest in Adult ADHD, personality difficulties and disorders, and severe mental illnesses, as well as quality improvement work to help develop services to adapt to their relevant levels of security.





## **Prof Margaret Stark**

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

### **‘Blue Guidelines’ - Highlighting Updates to the 6th Edition**

Margaret Stark has been a forensic physician since 1989. She is a specialist in forensic & legal medicine. She was the first Medical Director of the Forensic Healthcare Service in London and the Director of the Clinical Forensic Medicine Unit for NSW Police, based in Sydney, from 2011 – 2014. Previously she was a principal in general practice. She also works as a Deputy Crematorium Referee and appraiser for the FFLM, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine and Mid HealthCare. She is involved in medical education, most recently the forensic aspects of adult safeguarding workshops for clinicians.

She is a Past-President of the FFLM 2019-2021 and was the Founding Academic Dean 2006-2011. She chaired the Forensic Science Subcommittee of the FFLM for over 10 years (2015-2025). She is currently the Chair of the group reviewing and updating the ‘Blue Guidelines’. She has been the rapporteur for all five previous editions of the guidelines.

She was awarded the David Jenkins Professorship in Forensic and Legal Medicine in 2011-12 and was an Adjunct Professor at Sydney University from 2012-2015. She is an Honorary Visiting Professor at Teesside University. She was awarded Senior Fellowship of the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management in 2025.

She has written extensively in the field including numerous FFLM educational documents. She edits the textbook: Clinical Forensic Medicine – A physician’s guide, a 5th edition in press, as well as contributing over 40 chapters to a variety of publications including the Encyclopaedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine and Forensic and Legal Medicine - Clinical and Pathological Aspects. She is also a co-author of Symptoms & Signs of Substance Use, now in its fourth edition (June 2025).





### **Dr Emmert Roberts**

**Senior Clinical Lecturer in Addiction Psychiatry, Kings College London  
Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist**

#### **'Blue Guidelines' - Highlighting Updates to the 6th Edition**

Emmert is a Senior Clinical Lecturer in Addiction Psychiatry at the National Addiction Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London (KCL) and a Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist at the South London and the Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust.

He graduated with distinctions in Medicine (BMBCh) from the University of Oxford, and Epidemiology (MSc) from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). He holds a PhD in Addiction Sciences from KCL, his thesis exploring how specialist drug and alcohol treatment provision in England impacts on hospitalisation and mortality. He is currently an NIHR Advanced Fellow and a Commonwealth Fund Senior Harkness Fellow and holds fellowship at both the Royal College of Physicians and Psychiatrists.

During the COVID-19 outbreak he founded the Homeless Hotel Drug and Alcohol Service (HDAS) the first pan-London service to provide drug, alcohol and tobacco support to the population of people experiencing rough sleeping who were temporarily housed in emergency accommodation across the capital.



### **Dr Heidi Hales**

**Consultant Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist**

#### **Child Interviews: Navigating the Risk**

Heidi Hales has a dual training in child and adolescent psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. Much of her work has focused on adolescent forensic mental health but she has also worked in adult forensic psychiatry services and Child and Adolescent mental health services. Having worked as a consultant psychiatrist in HMYOI Feltham and HMYOI Cookham Wood, secure wards for adolescents at St Andrews Healthcare and West London NHS Trust, the North West London Community Forensic CAMHS team, HMP Holloway and West London adult community forensic service, she is now working in inpatient and community child and adolescent mental health services based in North Wales. She is an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at Bangor University and an Honorary Senior Lecturer with Cardiff University. Her PhD investigated the effects of contact with suicide-related behaviour on young people in YOIs and in 2016 she was part of a team funded by NHSE to complete a service evaluation and census of all young people from England in secure care. She is co-founder and co-chair of GIRAF (Group of International Researchers in Adolescent Forensic Mental Health). Her main research interest is how to evaluate and improve treatment and care for young people who are in contact with the youth justice services due to emotional, mental health or neurodevelopmental needs and how we can learn from care systems in different jurisdictions through international research collaborations.





### **Dr Deryn Evans**

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

#### **Chair: Saturday Afternoon**

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.



### **Katie Thomas**

#### **Willow House, SARC Manager**

#### **Long-Term Outcomes for Victims**

I'm a proud Guernsey girl, born and raised on our beautiful island just off the coast of France. My nursing journey began here at home, where I trained as a general nurse and achieved a First-Class Honours degree in Adult Nursing.

I spent the first six years of my career in Guernsey's Emergency Department. Those years shaped me deeply: the fast pace, the teamwork and the privilege of supporting people during some of their most difficult moments. Alongside emergency care, I also discovered a passion for sexual health nursing, which led me toward more specialist, sensitive and person-centred work.

In October 2023, I trained as a Sexual Offence Examiner and became a Crisis Worker—roles that felt like a natural extension of my values and my wish to support people through trauma with compassion and dignity. A few months later, in 2024, I stepped into one of the most meaningful roles of my career: managing Guernsey's newly opened Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Being part of building and shaping such an important service for our island community has been incredibly fulfilling.

I also have a deep personal connection to raising awareness around non-fatal strangulation. It's a subject I care about strongly and I am committed to helping others understand its seriousness, the risks involved and the urgent need for better recognition and response. In the near future, I hope to carry out research across the Channel Islands to gain insight into people's understanding of non-fatal strangulation and to explore how we can raise awareness and improve prevention.

At the heart of everything I do is a simple belief: everyone deserves to feel heard, believed and supported.





### **Dr Alexander Matthews**

**F1 Resident Doctor, North Bristol NHS Trust**

**SR Johnson Prize Winner: Contrast and Non-Contrast Computed Tomography in Coronial Autopsy Practice**



Alex is a first-year foundation doctor currently working in Bristol.

He initially studied chemistry at the university of Warwick, before moving to Bristol to train and work as a secondary school science teacher. However, after deciding to move on from teaching, he returned to higher education to study at medicine, also at the university of Bristol, graduating in 2025.

In his final year of medical school, he undertook an 8 week elective with the forensic pathology team in the Northwest of England. During this time he carried out an audit within the pathology department looking at how different modalities of post-mortem computed tomography (PMCT) were being utilised in support of coronial autopsy clinical practice.

This audit was awarded the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine's SR Johnson Prize for medico-legal investigation in 2024. The work has since been published in the Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine.



## Delegate List

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