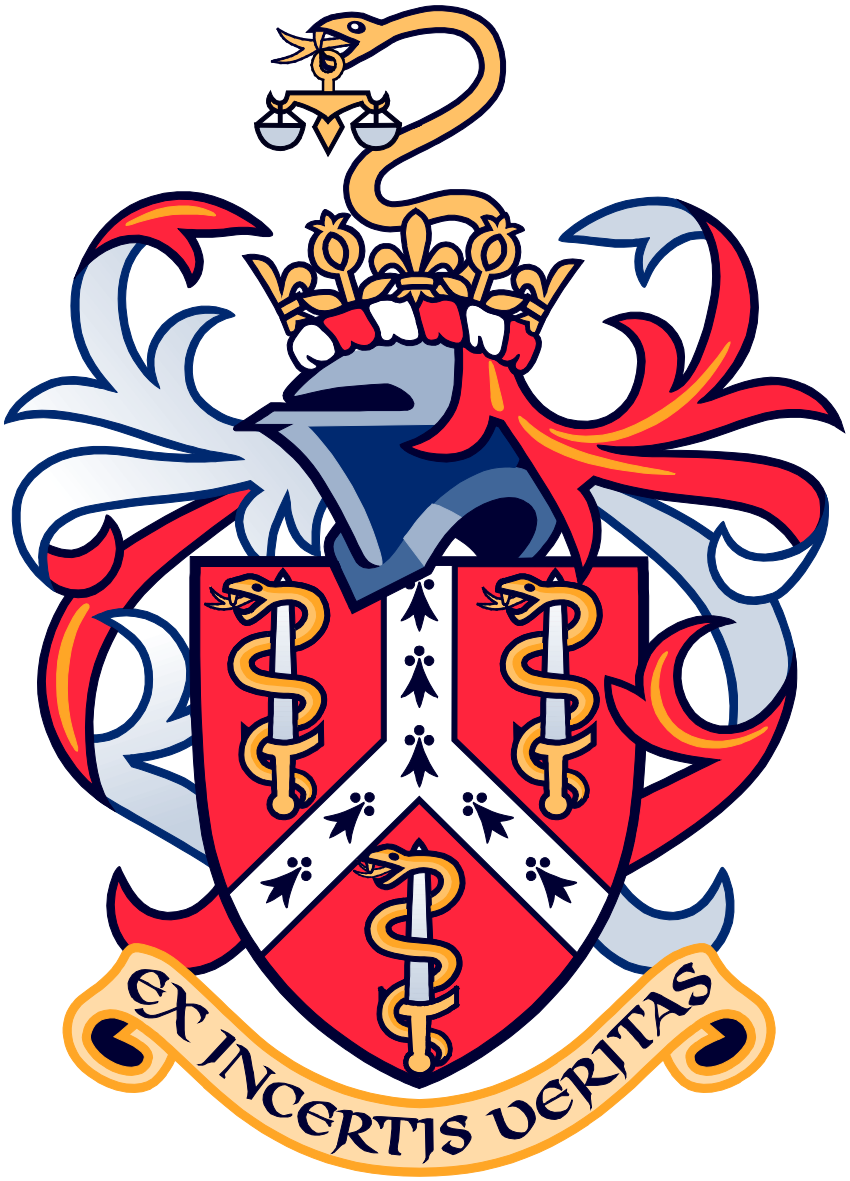
FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

Virtual Child Safeguarding Day

'The Voice Of The Child'



Saturday 10 October 2026

Microsoft Teams

Programme

Morning session chaired by Dr Sheila Paul

09:50 – 10:00	***Introduction to the day***
10:00 – 10:45	***More Than Evidence: What Children Tell Us About Being Victims*** Chloe Purcell, CEO SAFE! Support for Young People Affected by Crime
10:45 – 11:30	***Circles of Support and Accountability for Young People: Prevention, Intervention and Change*** Rachel Wilson, Training Development Lead South Central Project coordinator and Project Vigilant Operational Lead Circles South East
11:30 – 11:45	*Break*
11:45 – 12:30	***The voice of the child - a police perspective*** Detective Constable Kelly Love-Williams, Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) Thames Valley Police
12:30 – 13:00	***Panel Discussion***
13:00 – 13:30	*Break for Lunch*

Afternoon chaired by Dr Peter Green

13:30 – 14:15	***Exploring the overlap in symptoms and behaviours of neurodiversity and childhood trauma*** Rubie Bailey, Postgraduate Forensic Medical Science Student

Session chaired by Dr Sheila Paul

14:15 – 15:00	**Every Child: Seeing What We Have Been Trained Not to See (How neuroscience is pushing a new reality in child criminalisation)** Peter Green
15:00 – 15:30	***Panel Discussion***
15:30	***End of day***

All details in this programme are subject to alteration without notice

Learning Objectives

- Describe the importance of maintaining a child-centred approach in safeguarding practice
- What the child tells about being a victim
- Explore services for children who cause harm
- Listen to what the child tells us and how from the police perspective
- Explore the overlap between neurodiversity , trauma and safeguarding
- Delegates will have an enhanced understanding of the neurobiology of childhood and their consequences for justice

Speaker

Mrs Chloe Purcell

Chief Excecutive Officer of SAFE!

Mrs Chloe Purcell is the CEO of SAFE! a charity specialising in supporting young people affected by crime or abuse through one-to-one and group sessions.

Chloe has led the organisation through a period of significant growth across the Thames Valley area, including the introduction of specialist services for children impacted by sexual violence and domestic abuse.

She represents the Voluntary Sector on several multi-agency forums and sits as a Board Member on both the Oxford and Bucks Youth Justice Boards.

Prior to her role at SAFE!, Chloe was an advocate for looked after children at Coram Voice, and a Senior Project Worker at the Children's Society working with refugee children and young people in Oxford.

Drawing from direct testimonial from children and young people supported by SAFE!, the presentation will explore the experiences of young victims of crime as they navigate the criminal justice system. The presentation will explore the impact of delays, postponements, poor communication and experiences in court and beyond. We will touch on SAFE!'s work advocating for prioritisation and review of systems to improve the experiences of young victims of crime.

Speaker

Mrs Rachel Wilson

Circles of Support and Accountability for Young People: Prevention, Intervention and Change

Mrs Rachel Wilson is a qualified social worker with 20 years' experience across the voluntary and charitable sectors. Throughout her career, she has been drawn to work that sits alongside people during some of the most difficult and complex times in their lives, including experiences of trauma, homelessness, addiction, mental health challenges and sexual harm.

Early in Rachel's career, she spent two years in New Delhi supporting women who had been removed from sex trafficking. That experience had a lasting impact on her and helped shape her commitment to trauma-informed, person-centred support.

After returning to the UK, she worked in outreach services with people experiencing entrenched homelessness, multiple needs, addiction and chronic mental health difficulties, as well as young people displaying antisocial behaviour. Mrs Wilson later joined Crisis Skylight in Oxford, part of the national charity for single homeless people, where she worked as Young People Coordinator and Mental Health Lead.

She now work for Circles South East, a charity that empowers local communities to support prevention, restoration and therapeutic engagement with people affected by sexual harm and sexual violence, including survivors, families and those who have caused harm. At the heart of her work is a belief in compassion, accountability and the possibility of change, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Her session is intended to support people to think beyond risk management alone and consider how trauma-informed, child-centred intervention can reduce harm, reduce isolation and support safer outcomes for young people, families and communities.

Speaker

Mrs Kelly Love-Williams

Detective Constable

Mrs Kelly Love-Williams is a Detective in Thames Valley Police's Child Abuse Investigation Unit. She has held this position for just over 10 years. Kelly has regularly presented to Social Workers and partner agencies on the voice of the child.

Kelly’s presentation will include cases studies of investigations carried out by the child abuse investigation unit.

Speaker

Miss Rubie Bailey

Postgraduate Student

Rubie recently completed a masters degree in Forensic Medical Sciences at Queen Mary University of London. She is a very openminded about her future career, but does have a passion for investigation work, and a soft spot for the vulnerable whether they be children, elderly or any other person with a higher risk of susceptibility. She enjoys the physical aspects of forensic science and physical evidence is of course crucial to investigations but feels so much can be learnt from people themselves if time was dedicated to understanding them. Rubie's presentation for this conference is based on her recent postgraduate dissertation which highlighted just how good some people are at hiding what they are going through, no thanks to the pressures of today's society.

This year whilst completing her MSc, she have shadowed over 15 autopsies at St Georges hospital mortuary and presented at the Triennial meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in Sofia, Bulgaria. Rubie's talk was on the 'Challenges in the psychiatric assessment of psychological torture victims'; receiving such a great reception and sparking conversations that would not be found in a textbook or on a website, proved to her human collaboration is the greatest source of knowledge. Studying at university has taught her what she needs to know, but reaching out and speaking with professionals has taught her what she want to know, and she is determined to find her place in the field.

Speaker

Dr Peter Green

Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding

Dr Peter Green has worked as a Forensic Physician for his entire career, and was the first to be registered with the GMC as a specialist in Forensic and Legal Medicine. His career as a forensic medical examiner has evolved into a designated doctor for child safeguarding, and he co-chair the National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals for Children (NNDHP). This role has led Peter to take an interest in the neuroscience of development and harm for children and young people. The rational application of this science is leading to strengthening of the evidence base for what children need and how they are protected and helped to grow.

On the side, Dr Green is a music lover and play keyboards, guitar and bass whilst being a happy father and grandfather.

Chair / Course Organiser

Dr Sheila Paul

Forensic Physician

An experienced GP and Forensic Physician with a career spanning more than four decades, dedicated to caring for vulnerable populations and those experiencing deprivation.

After qualifying as a GP in the UK, she spent six years in Germany where she worked with the US Army, returning to become a ½ time GP partner in South Buckinghamshire, from 1988 to 2017, thus leaving time for her to explore her many medical interests. Her portfolio career has included cardiology research, surgical clinics, primary care for people experiencing homelessness in London, work within Community Drug and Alcohol Services, 13 years in A&E, Section 12 Mental Health Act work, GP streaming in A & E, and serving as a GP for patients on the Violent Patient register.

Since 1993, she has worked as a Forensic Physician with Thames Valley Police, both custody, sudden unexpected death and sexual assault medicine. She stepped back from custody work in 2015; she continues to work in the Sexual Assault Team. She also works with the Buckinghamshire Looked After Children team and as an Expert Witness in Forensic Medicine.

Dr Paul has contributed to many documents regarding national guidance, including publications from the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). She is one of the authors of all three editions of the “Purple Book” -the Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse- and has published peer reviewed research. She is a regular reviewer for the Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

She teaches across several agencies—including police, health professionals, social services multiagency and university students—and is a Founder Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine, where she continues to play an active role.

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