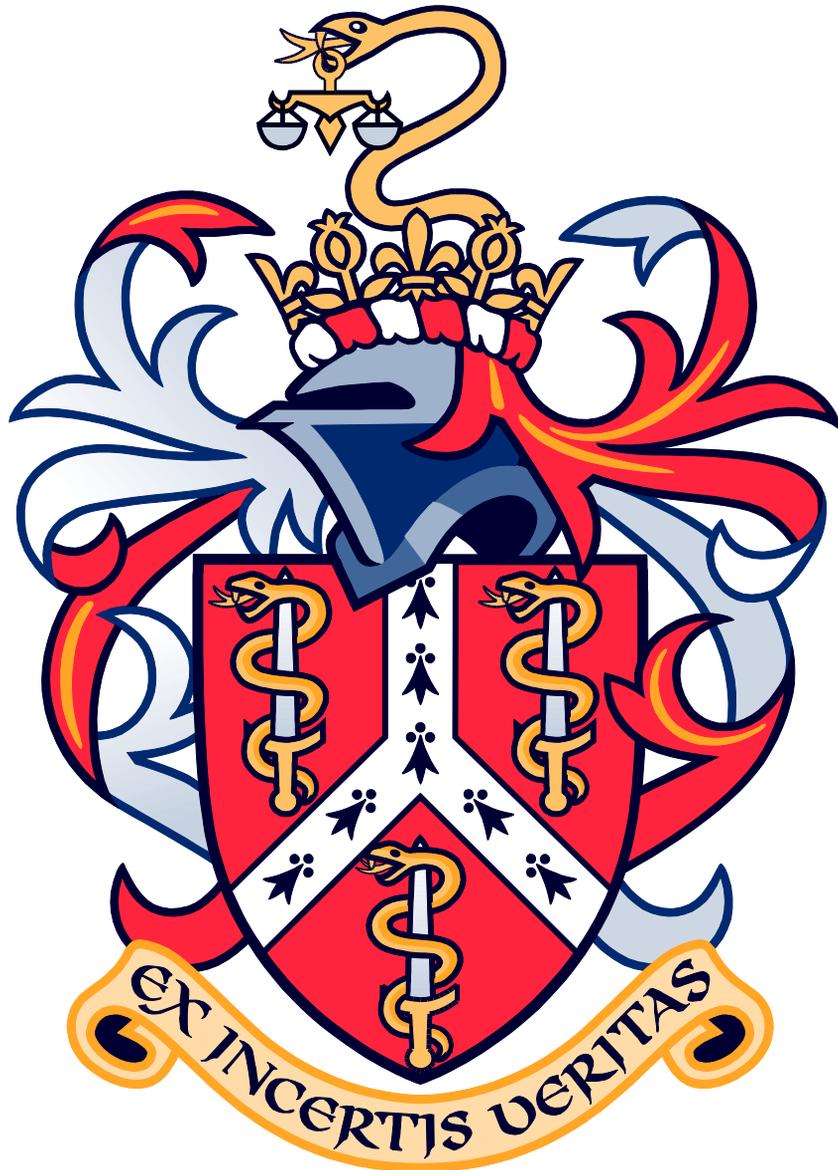


FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

# Virtual GFM Best Practice Day



**Saturday 01 March 2025**

Microsoft Teams

# Programme

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*Session chaired by Prof Rudo Masanzu*

- 09:45 – 10:00 ***Welcome***
- 10:00 – 10:45 ***Update on FFLM Documents***  
Dr Libby Sevink, Vice-President for Forensic Medicine, FFLM
- 10:45 – 11:30 ***Road Traffic Act Updates***  
Dr Will Anderson, Clinical Lead (Forensic Medicine), PHL
- 11:30 – 11:50 ***Break***

*Session chaired by Dr Will Anderson*

- 11:50 – 12:35 ***How drug-related death data can inform drug policy & practice: insights from the National Programme on Substance Use Mortality (NPSUM)***  
Dr Caroline Copeland, Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology & Toxicology, King's College London
- 12:35 – 13:20 ***Mental Health Update***  
Mrs Stacey Day, Vice-President for Allied Healthcare Professionals, FFLM
- 13:20 – 13:30 ***Q&A and Closing Remarks***

# Learning Objectives and Target Audience

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## Learning Objectives

- To update attendees on recommended changes to their clinical practice
- To summarise key developments over the past year relating to the Road Traffic Act
- To describe the current landscape of synthetic opioid infiltration into the UK drug market
- To understand a novel interaction between methadone and synthetic cannabinoids that may cause death
- To discuss the involvement of drugs in deaths where 'acute behavioural disturbance' was described.
- To understand the challenges of Mental Health in police custody

## Target Audience

- Clinicians working in General Forensic Medicine

# Speaker

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## **Dr Libby Sevink**



### **Vice-President for Forensic Medicine, FFLM**

Libby graduated from Peninsula Medical School in 2008. After a career as a Medical Officer in the RAF, she was keen to continue to explore medicine in more unconventional environments.

She discovered Forensic Medicine in 2016 and worked in Police Custody until 2023 progressing to become Clinical Lead for Custody. She was concurrently working as a Sexual Offences Examiner and joined the Devon and Cornwall Paediatric SARC in 2021 where she continues to work as their Training Lead.

She has worked closely with partner agencies to develop and implement policies to improve outcomes for vulnerable patients and is passionate about maintaining high standards of care in the challenging environments of Custody and SARC. She also delivers training to clinicians embarking on their career in Forensic Medicine as well as Police Officers and other Healthcare Specialties.

Having obtained her Membership of the FFLM in Sexual Offence Medicine she became an examiner and was inspired by colleagues to become more involved with the Faculty and their work to maintain and improve standards in Forensic Medicine. Not wanting to leave General Forensic Medicine (GFM) behind she also obtained her FFLM Membership by examination for GFM and has recently been appointed Clinical Lead for the Devon and Cornwall Police, Clinical Governance Team.

### **Recent Updates in General Forensic Medicine**

An overview of the recently updated documents produced by the FFLM highlighting key points and changes.

# Speaker / Chair

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## **Dr Will Anderson**



### **Clinical Lead (Forensic Medicine), Partnering Health Ltd**

Dr Will Anderson is the Forensic Clinical Lead for Partnering Health Limited (PHL) and covers the Hampshire and City of London contracts. He has been a full-time FME for 17 years, having moved away from being a Neurosurgery Registrar after realising that training to be a Brain Surgeon wasn't as glamorous as it sounded!

His particular interests are medical photography of injuries, and road traffic legislation. He is the lead author of the Photography in Custody and SARCs (PICS) document from 2017, 2019 and 2024, and was also the lead author on the first two editions of the FFLM Drug-Driving Competencies document.

### **Road Traffic Act Updates**

Overview of changes and developments in relation to road traffic cases.

# Speaker

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## Dr Caroline Copeland



### Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology & Toxicology, King's College London

Dr. Caroline Copeland is a Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology and Toxicology at King's College London and the Director of the National Programme on Substance Use Mortality (NPSUM). Her research focuses on improving healthcare strategies for individuals who use drugs, with projects ranging from developing wearable skin sensors to prevent opioid overdoses to identifying drug-drug interactions between licensed medicines and illicit substances.

Dr. Copeland completed her undergraduate studies at University College London and her postgraduate studies at Imperial College London. She earned her PhD in neuropharmacology and neurophysiology of thalamocortical circuits under the supervision of Professors Tom Salt and Adam Sillito. Following her PhD, she conducted post-doctoral research with Professor Simon Schultz at Imperial College, developing novel bioengineering systems to better understand neuronal physiology and network dynamics.

In 2019, Dr. Copeland joined King's College London, where she leads a research group dedicated to enhancing healthcare strategies for people who use drugs. She has published over 50 research articles and has successfully supervised three PhD students and more than 40 MSc, MPharm, and BSc student research projects.

### **How drug-related death data can inform drug policy & practice: insights from the National Programme on Substance Use Mortality (NPSUM)**

Dr Caroline Copeland is Director of the National Programme on Substance Use Mortality (NPSUM), a database of deaths related to psychoactive drug use reported to by coroners. Dr Copeland and her research group use these data to survey the illicit drug market, evaluate drug policy, and inform public health strategy. In this session Dr Copeland will present data relevant to the policy and practice of professionals working within the forensics field.

# Speaker

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## Mrs Stacey Day



### **Vice-President for Allied Healthcare Professionals and Lead for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities, FFLM**

Stacey is Clinical Director for Mitie Care & Custody Police Services; this is where she began her forensic career in 2015. Qualifying with a BSc (Hons) in nursing in 2010, Stacey quickly gained experience within the healthcare field and went on to undertake further advanced clinical skills, disease management and non-medical prescribing qualifications.

Through a twist of fate, she found herself working as a senior healthcare practitioner in the niche area of forensic healthcare, not exclusively working within custody as Stacey is a dual trained examiner for both general forensics and sexual assault victims. After gaining further experience Stacey entered teaching, delivering various aspects of forensic topics across Care & Custody contracts being delivered over multiple Police Forces within the United Kingdom. While maintaining her competencies within custody, training gave her a wide breadth of knowledge and allowed her to pass on the skills she had developed. Gaining her Licentiate qualification over three years ago, alongside studying for her master's degree in general forensic healthcare sparked her passion to give healthcare professionals and affiliate colleagues a voice within forensics.

Since becoming a Licentiate member in 2020, Stacey has worked alongside Professor Rix as the Associate Lead for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities. This enabled Stacey to dedicate time to tackling some of the complex issues presented within a modern forensic setting, advocating and raising awareness around mental health and intellectual disabilities. She now hopes that as the Vice-President for Allied Healthcare Professionals she can dedicate some time to giving forensic practitioners of varying professions a voice in order to tackle the everyday issues faced within the forensic setting.

### **Mental Health Update**

Update around mental health issues within police custody and how the Mental Health Reform Bill will affect police custody.

# Chair

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## **Prof Rudo Masanzu**



## **Forensic Physician**

Having qualified as a urologist and with a special interest in emergency medical evacuations, Prof. Rudo Masanzu has been working as a forensic physician in both general forensic medicine and sexual offence medicine for over 17 years.

She does collaborative forensic work and training both nationally and internationally.

Rudo was the FFLM GFM OSCE Lead for three years and has been an examiner for both GFM and SOM FFLM examinations for 12 years.

She currently holds an academic honorary appointment as Visiting Professor at Ulster University, and is the SARC Consultant and Clinical Lead at Serenity Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

# Upcoming Events

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**Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine**  
Training Days 2025

Join us for:  
**VIRTUAL ADULT SAFEGUARDING DAY**

Tuesday 01 April 2025  
10.00 - 16.00 BST

*Fast-tracked learning from leading industry professionals*

- ✓ Free to attend for all
- ✓ Recording Available
- ✓ CPD Educational Credits

**Find out more at:** [www.fflm.ac.uk/events](http://www.fflm.ac.uk/events)

Why not join us for our upcoming Virtual Adult Safeguarding Day?

We'll be covering important topics such as the investigation of suspected elder abuse, collaborating with the police to safeguard vulnerable adults, and the Mental Capacity Act.

This day is free to attend for FFLM Members and those working in the NHS.

Book your place here: <https://fflm.ac.uk/event/fflm-virtual-adult-safeguarding-day-2025>

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF  
**FACULTY OF FORENSIC &  
LEGAL MEDICINE**  
*Annual Conference*  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025**

Royal Liver Suite, Liverpool  
Friday 09 - Saturday 10 May 2025

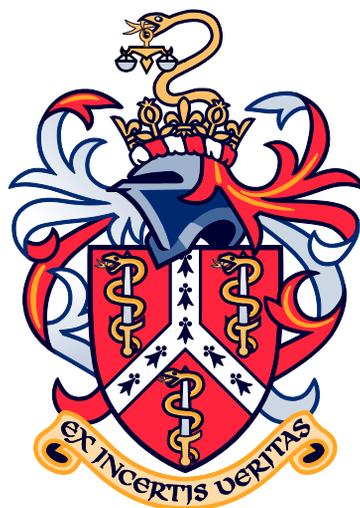
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Join us in person or virtually!

This year's Annual Conference will celebrate the Faculty's 20th anniversary and will be held at the Royal Liver Suite in Liverpool. You can join us either in person in Liverpool or virtually.

The theme for 2025 will be Miscarriages of Justice. To delve into this topic, we've invited a selection of insightful speakers, many of whom will offer alternative perspectives. By stepping outside our comfort zones and challenging ideas, we can avoid the risk of confirmation bias, and we look forward to fostering engaging debates among both speakers and delegates.

For more details and to reserve your spot, click here:  
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