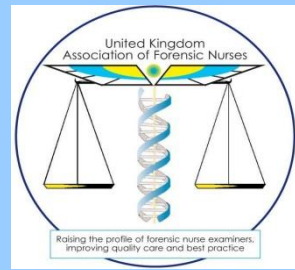


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Chairman's Letter



Jo Delaforce

CHAIR

Our conference earlier this year was a huge success, so many specialists coming together to share their knowledge, experiences and best practice. Make sure you are part of this at the 2011 Conference.

As the chair and on behalf of all the members. I would very much like to thank and acknowledge the dedication and hard work all the steering group members have contributed over the last year. Thank you.

The SARC centres service provision information is now available on the forum

Have you registered on the new forum, by clicking on the link you were sent via email? Don't miss out on the forum or the knowledge base/articles section on the forum.

Coming soon View the ICPP "Deaths in police custody report" on the forum

ALL ABOUT US

UKAFN has over 170 full members and over 56 Associate members.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

UKAFN is committed to:

- Raising the awareness and profile of Forensic Professionals.
- Working together to develop, improve and maintain a high standard in forensic collection.
- Providing high quality care for all individuals in a holistic manner



Forensic medical care should be provided by the NHS in collaboration with the police



Remember key resources on-line.

Guidance on the Safer Detention & Handling of Persons in Custody 2006 ACPO and HO

CR132. Substance Misuse Detainees In Police Custody: Guidelines for Clinical Management (3rd edition)

Revised National Service Guide - A Resource for Developing Sexual Assault Referral Centres

The Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse
An evidence-based review and guidance for best practice 2008

Undergraduate Teaching Material for Forensics
<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/forensicmedicine/notes/notes.html>

Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine



www.careandevidence.org
Care and Evidence provides information, advice and resources for professionals who may come into contact with victims of sexual assault.



The Oasis - Peterborough
A Sexual Assault Referral Centre

The Oasis is a specialist unit that cares for and supports victims of sexual assault and rape.

The OASIS @ Rivergate was opened on 11th January 2010.

**by
Barbara Follet (East of England Minister)**

You can contact the Oasis on: 0845 089 6262

e-mail: support@oasiscentre.org



Our ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**MAY 2010
What a Day!**

Exciting Speakers

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

MEETING OTHER MEMBERS

SHARING EXPERIENCES...

Courtroom Skills:

Adam is the managing partner and co-founder of The Pacifico Partnership, which specialises in designing and delivering training for the criminal justice and professional services sectors.

Adam has been a barrister since 1991 and remains a member of 18 Red Lion Court in London.

The Pacifico Partnership is the exclusive provider of "Courtroom Skills"

Between 1994 and 1999 Adam took a break from his legal career and became a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Service.



Statement Writing:

Kim Doyle qualified at the Bar in April 1986 and later that year she joined the Crown Prosecution Service. In 1992 she was promoted to the position of Principal Prosecutor and moved to work in the City of Manchester Office.

In 1986 the first Sexual Assault Referral Centre was established at St Mary's Hospital in Manchester. From the outset the Centre sought to develop its relationship with the Crown Prosecution Service. From 1995 until Kim left the Service in 2007, she worked constantly with the police and the forensic physicians at the Centre developing and improving the standard of rape investigations. In 2007 Kim left the CPS to concentrate on the work of her Training Consultancy established in 1997.



The Tayside Experience

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HISTORY

Prior to January 2009: Provision of Forensic Medical Services in Tayside by a private company.

January 2009: Start of a partnership between NHS Tayside, Tayside Police and the University of Dundee, funded by a 3-year Scottish Government Pilot

HEALTHCARE IN POLICE CUSTODY

- Nurse-led provision of healthcare in police custody
- 10 full-time forensic nurses with a background in primary care and/or psychiatric nursing
- 24/7 presence in Dundee Police Custody
- Regular visits to custody suites in Arbroath and Perth



- IT links with NHS Tayside providing access to

- ECS (Emergency Care Summary)
- MiDis (Mental Health Database)
- Long Term Conditions
- Central Vision (Blood Tests, X-Ray, etc)



- Established protocols for assessment and treatment of

- Excess alcohol
- Alcohol withdrawal
- Opiate withdrawal

- Forensic nurses act a primary point of contact and "gatekeepers" for the police, procurators fiscal and social work.

- 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010

- Total number of patients seen: 2248
- Total number of consultations: 7149
 - Drug issue 1417
 - Alcohol issue 308
 - Mental Health 107

CLINICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Three full-time Senior Lecturers, dually employed in Clinical Forensic Medicine and Forensic Pathology by the University of Dundee, covering Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm, Friday night and Saturday 8am to 6pm
- 5 local GPs employed as part-time Forensic Physicians, covering the remaining shifts
- We aim at increasing the quality of clinical forensic examinations and documentation of injuries to the level that has for long been provided in forensic pathology.
- Photographic documentation of findings as part of the medical records



1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010

- Total number of call-outs: 902
 - Fitness to plead: 176
 - Fitness to be detained: 81
 - Paediatric examinations: 64
 - Physical assault (victim): 10
 - Physical assault (suspect): 31
 - Sexual assault (victim): 51
 - Sexual assault (suspect): 33
 - Blood samples (RTA): 62
 - Death in the community: 103

EXPERIENCE AND CONCLUSIONS

- Tayside Police, the Procurator Fiscal Service and other professions e.g. paediatricians and social workers are very satisfied with the new service.
- The number of admissions to Accident and Emergency has decreased by 12% and the number of call-outs for the Forensic Physicians has fallen by 75 % compared with the previous system. The remaining call-outs are mainly concerned with truly forensic examinations.
- The constant presence of forensic nurses within the police custody suite provides a safe environment for the detainees and opens up chances of improving their general health by arranging follow-up appointments with e.g. drug problem or mental health services.



Forensic Custody Nursing Education in Dundee

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The University of Dundee CFLM has extensive experience of teaching forensic medicine to nurses. What began as 1 & 3 day CPD courses (1995-2000) later evolved into a full optional BMid/BN module (2001-03).

The academic forensic pathologists now also provide clinical Forensic Medical Examiner (FME) services to Tayside police in support of a new nurse-led proactive multi-faced collaboration between the NHS, University of Dundee and Tayside police. In support of this new Forensic Custody Nursing (FCN) service the CFLM is now introducing **Certificate, Diploma** and **Masters** level educational modules.

The Graduate Certificate teaches the knowledge base and assessment skills required by FCNs involved in the clinical care of detainees in a police custody setting. **The Graduate Diploma** builds upon the Certificate to teach the higher knowledge and clinical skills required to enable FCNs to actively assist FMEs in forensic examination and evidence collection. The **Masters program** then aims to equip the FCN to undertake forensic examinations and to offer opinions. Teaching and assessment will be directed to the students own area of experience and sub-specialisation.

All three programs are similarly structured to allow training in post over the course of one year. They are taught by directed web based self-learning and periodic lecture-based teaching blocks.

The potential exists for all three qualifications to be opened up to interested FCN's working elsewhere in the UK, either by means of efficient coordinated teaching sessions in Dundee (or elsewhere), or by distance learning.

Graduate Certificate: 60 SCQF credits at level 10. 1 year part time. Fee £1300

Aim: to teach and assess the basic competences required of nurses working in a custody setting

Content: Police powers; Ethics, Consent & Confidentiality; Fitness to be Detained/Interviewed/Plead; Alcohol; Drugs; Driving; Injuries; Trace evidence; Court; Case discussions

Assessment: Portfolio (10 cases - 50%), Written Assignment (20%), Computer Aided Assessments (30%)



Graduate Diploma: 120 SCQF credits at level 10/11. 1 year part time. Fee £1300. Certificate prerequisite

Aim: to teach further knowledge & skills necessary to assist FME in forensic examination & specimen collection

Content: Restraint; Mental health; Psychosocial aspects of alcohol/drugs/violence; Driving offences; Injury patterns & documentation; Sexual abuse; Child abuse; Intimate Samples & collection; Death investigation; PF & Coroner; Scene of death; Autopsy; Detention facilities; Case discussions; Visits to death scenes, Mortuary

Assessment: Portfolio (9 cases - 60%), Written Assignment (20%), Computer Aided Assessment (20%)



Masters: 180 SCQF credits at level 11. 1 year part time. Fee £1000. Cert & Diploma are prerequisite

Aim: to equip nurses with skills & experience necessary to perform forensic examinations and offer opinions

Content: Interpretation of injuries; Post mortem changes; Identification & Death investigation; Asphyxia; Fire & Water; Suicide; Fingerprints; Blood spatter & DNA; Hairs & fibres; Trace evidence; Case discussions

Assessment: Written Assignments (50%), Submission of Review Article to Journal (relevant to speciality) (50%)

UKAFN – Where We Go From Here – Workshop Outcomes.

It is important that professional standards and a code of practice needs to be developed to support the unique working environment of working within forensic medicine where our roles are dual: therapeutic and evidential but are consistent with our professional bodies ie NMC

UKAFN have opened their membership to all professionals working within both a custody and sexual offences environment.

Look out in the new year for our questionnaire and subsequent consultation document on these standards from which we will be able to build the foundations for an academic qualification.

Our aims for the year 2011:

- Professional Standards
- Code of Practice
- Core Competencies for staff working in the area
- Validation of existing courses

We will be announcing these at our 2011 conference on:

17th September 2011

Please keep an eye on the website to register:

Early Bird reductions £85 for UKAFN members, £100 for non members. Full price £100 for UKAFN, £125 for non members.

Other Presentations

Sue Medley

She is the Sexual Offences Forensic Development Manager and is responsible for the Forensic response to sexually motivated crime.



Dr Alyson Jones

Role of the Nurse Examiner in Sexual Offence – as a Clinical Director of a SARC with a nurse Examiner - she shared her Experiences.



dates for your diary

17th September 2011
UKAFN conference

Please let us know of any conferences or useful days so I can put them in the next newsletter.

WHAT'S ON THE WEB?

Some of the latest news from the world of forensics.



Don't forget the FFLM guidelines
Forensic Sampling Guidelines

<http://ukafn.org/>

More courses available through:
The Havens
St Marys

RCGP Certificate in the Management of Drug Misuse – Part 1

Remember to visit the forum..

<http://ukafn.org/>

Find out more about custody medicine and sexual offences – ask questions? Share good practice.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR STEERING
COMMITTEE MEMBERS _ ARE YOU
INTERESTED?