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Annual Conference, Bournemouth 1-2 May 2015 *"Vulnerability and Risk in Forensic and Legal Medicine"*

The FFLM is delighted that a wide range of well-known, high profile speakers will be presenting at the Annual Conference. The speakers come from a wide range of backgrounds, but all provide unique perspectives on the theme of the Conference – ‘Vulnerability and Risk in Forensic & Legal Medicine’. These topics are key elements of the work of the FFLM membership. The FFLM looks forward to seeing you in May.

Speakers

[Penny Schofield](#)



Penny Schofield is Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for West Sussex. In 2013, she oversaw the inquest into the scandal surrounding the Orchid View Care Home for elderly residents. She will provide insight into the lessons that may or may not have been learned from these events which highlighted aspects of institutional abuse.

[Lord Harris of Haringey](#)

Toby Harris has been the Chair of the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) on Deaths in Custody since 2009. A review into suicides amongst 18-24 year olds in National Offender Management Schemes was announced in February 2014 by the Justice Secretary and this will be overseen by Lord Harris. The purpose of the review is to make recommendations to reduce the risk of future self-inflicted deaths in custody. The results of his review are expected later this year and Lord Harris will give us a background into his study.





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Johnny Gwynne



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) was formed in 2006 and was subsequently absorbed into the National Crime Agency in 2013. Johnny Gwynne was appointed as Director of CEOP in December 2013, having formerly served as Police Scotland Chief Officer until this appointment. He will offer an insight into the daily workings of CEOP.

Baroness Newlove

Baroness Newlove was made a peer in 2010 and she is currently the Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales. Her husband, Garry, was murdered by three drunken youths in 2007. In December 2012, she was appointed as the Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales. In this role, she works to secure positive change for victims by reviewing their treatment by criminal justice agencies and encouraging good practice. Helen will present on her day-to-day work as the Victims' Commissioner.



Claire Bassett



In April 2012, Claire joined the Parole Board as CEO, having previously held senior positions at the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. She oversees decision-making and financial management at the Parole Board and she has agreed to discuss the role of the victim, including the place for impact statements in the Court process.



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Catherine Stephens

Following a number of jobs in the private and voluntary sectors, Catherine Stephens has worked in the sex industry for the past fifteen years: independently, in brothels and through escort agencies. She has campaigned for evidence-based policy that treats people in the sex industry (whether there by choice, circumstance or coercion) as equally entitled to human rights, the full protection of the law and involvement in the policy decisions that will affect them. She is an activist with the International Union of Sex Workers. Although she loves her job, she is aware of the dangers of working in this environment and she is therefore going to give a presentation on “Vulnerability and Abuse within the Sex Industry.”

Professor Cristina Cattaneo

Based in the Biomedical/ Legal Medicine Facility of the University of Milan, Italy, Professor Cattaneo is an expert in Forensic Pathology and Anthropology and was recently called upon to give expert evidence at the April Jones murder trial in 2013. As well as her current Chair in Milan, she presently holds the David Jenkins Chair at the FFLM. We are delighted that she will be presenting the Annual David Jenkins Lecture in Bournemouth. (Title TBC.)



Professor Richard Shepherd



Professor Dick Shepherd is an internationally-renowned Forensic Pathologist who has been at the centre of many high-profile cases in recent years. He is an Honorary Consultant at the Royal Liverpool Hospital as well as being a visiting Professor at the University of Chester. He is also a member of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody and will offer a presentation on the Pathologist’s perspective on deaths in custody.



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Dr Jenny Holmes



Dr Jenny Holmes is the FFLM lead on Mental Health and Learning Disability. She has worked for 15 years as a Forensic Physician in Merseyside, both in sexual offences and custody work. She is a Specialty Doctor in the Psychiatry of Learning Disability for Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust. She has a particular interest the needs of children and young people in the criminal justice system. In the past year, she has been at the forefront of the implementation of a youth liaison and diversion service for Liverpool and Sefton. Jenny will give a presentation on “Assessing Children in Police Custody: Clinical and Legal Considerations.”

Professor Tom Bourne

Professor Tom Bourne is a Consultant Gynaecologist and is currently Adjunct Professor at Imperial College, London. He is also Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. He recently conducted a study investigating the impact that the General Medical Council complaints procedure has upon doctors working in the UK and he will present his findings from this research.



Deborah Lader

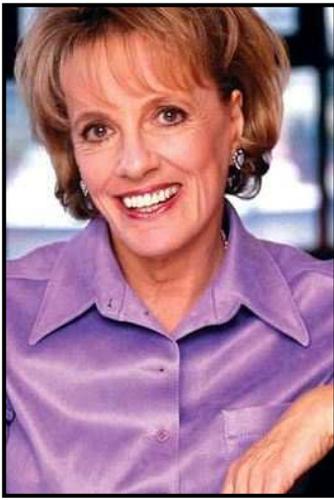
Deborah is a Senior Research Officer at the Home Office Statistics Unit. She has co-authored and led a number of health-related studies. She will review the theme of statistics relating to sexual assault and rape and how such figures are compiled, who uses the data, and how such data can be interpreted and misinterpreted.



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Dame Esther Rantzen



Dame Esther Rantzen is a highly-respected journalist and broadcaster. She is a campaigner for the most vulnerable members in society and established the child protection charity ChildLine in 1986. In 2012, she created the charity The Silver Line, which offers advice to combat loneliness in the elderly. She will give us an overview of her charities and how they work to protect the vulnerable young and elderly.

Professor Laura Hoyano

Laura is a Professor of Law at the University of Oxford. She has been an adviser to the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Her research suggests that mandatory reporting of child abuse could, ironically, lead to complacency and an under-reporting of such abuse. She will present her case against mandatory reporting.





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Tom Perry



Tom is an ardent campaigner for the rights of the abused child, having himself been the victim of sexual abuse as a child at Caldicott School in Buckinghamshire. He was the first complainant of abuse to come forward from this school, and this led to the discovery of widespread physical and sexual abuse by teachers against pupils at Caldicott School. He established the MandateNow pressure group in 2006 that campaigns for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse. He will present the case for mandatory reporting.

Andy Hunt

Superintendent Andy Hunt is the National Programme Manager for NHS England, and is involved in the commissioning of Forensic and Custodial Services to the NHS. Prior to this appointment, Andy was the ACPO Mental health and Learning Disabilities Manager (2008-2011). This commissioning is a complex area, with a transfer of services due to take place in April 2016. Andy will provide a review of the process, its current progress and how it will ensure that vulnerable groups within police custody are protected.
