



The Family Justice Council

Experts Committee Symposium: The Long and Winding Road

Wednesday 12 October 2022, Birmingham Children's Hospital

The Family Justice Council Experts Sub-Committee invites the judiciary, legal, medical and allied professions to register your interest in: *Experts in the Family Justice System Symposium: The Long and Winding Road*.

Event date: Wednesday 12 October, 9.45 - 16.10

Location: Birmingham Children's Hospital or remotely via MS Teams

The event will be hosted by Mr Justice David Williams, High Court judge and chair of the Experts in the Family Justice System committee. The aim of the symposium is both to provide an opportunity to undertake training in subjects of interests to experts, would-be experts and legal professionals but also to review progress in implementing the 22 Recommendations of the President's Working Group Report and to chart a way forward to continue that process.

Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and Chair of the Family Justice Council will provide the opening address.

The full programme is annexed below.

APPLICATIONS:

To register your interest in this event, please click [here](#).

You will be asked to specify whether you would like to attend in person or remotely.

Attendance in person will be on an allocation only basis. We will aim to confirm a place and send joining instructions by week commencing **26 September 2022**.

There is no charge for attending this event. Refreshments will be provided.

PROGRAMME

09:00 -	09:45	Coffee and registration
09:45 -	09:55	<i>Welcome by Williams J</i>
09.55 -	10:05	Opening address by Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and chair of the Family Justice Council
10:05 -	10:35	Dr Jo Gifford RCPC - How research papers inform expert evidence: Systematic Review
10.35 -	11.05	Dr Stephen Leadbeatter: The fragmentation of forensic pathology
11.05 -	11.25	BREAK
11:25 -	12:25	Best evidence from experts: Lessons from recent cases Professor Keith Rix, Dr Jaime Craig, Sharon Segal
12:25 -	12.40	Q&A chaired by Williams J
12.40 -	13:30	Lunch
13.30 -	13.55	Williams J: Expert Evidence and Professional Evidence
13.55 -	14.20	Kath Halliday, President of the Royal College of Radiologists.
14:20 -	14.35	Williams J: EFJS Committee: Implementation of the Working Group Recommendations to date;
14.35 -	14.50	BREAK
14.50 -	15:40	Breakout Groups [to discuss what else can be done to achieve implementation of existing recommendations and suggestions for further work]: (1) NHS, Commissioners and Royal Colleges and professional bodies [Dr Fiona Straw, Dr Adam Oates and Dr Neil Stoodley] (2) Payment recommendations [Lead by Maud Davis] (3) Training [Lead by Prof Keith Rix and Sharon Segal] (4) Court processes and treatment of experts [HHJ Sharpe and Williams J]
15.40 -	16.10	Plenary: Feedback by Break-out Group Chairs and close of Symposium.