



STEPHANIE C. DAVIES MSc DipFMS

- **INQUISITORIAL FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATION**
- **DEATH SCENE INTERPRETATION**
- **VISITING LECTURER & TRAINER**
- **PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT**

OBJECTIVE

To utilise professional skills, field experience and academic knowledge to empower medico-legal death investigators to investigate inquisitorially and holistically - ensuring the correct judicial outcome is reached for the victims, the suspects, and the deceased.

AWARDS

Chief Constable's Commendation 2015:

For the Bosley Explosion multiple fatality case.

Chief Constable's Commendation 2020:

For the coronial services provided to the county of Cheshire.

ACE Award Nomination 2020:

Team of the Year (for the work conducted during the COVID pandemic).

EXPERIENCE

CASE CONSULTANT • Since 2023

Assisting families and legal representatives with: Death Scene Interpretation / Equivocal Death Investigation / Identifying Staged Crime Scenes / Advocacy for Potential Miscarriages of Justice.

SENIOR CORONER'S OFFICER Cheshire Police • 2017 – 2023

Whilst line-managing a large team of coroner's officers I oversaw all deaths coming through to the department: monitoring suicides, child deaths, prison deaths and forensic post mortems. I provided death investigation training to police officers and detectives. I represented the department at senior leadership and gold group meetings, and I quality assured all coronial inquest files.

ASSISTANT SENIOR CORONER'S OFFICER Cheshire • 2015 – 2017

I carried an investigative caseload and deputised for the Senior Coroner's Officer in a managerial capacity.

CORONER'S OFFICER Cheshire Police • 2007 – 2015

I investigated over 5000 deaths on behalf of the coroner and the police.

CORONER'S OFFICER Thames Valley Police • 2006 – 2007

I attended scenes of unnatural deaths, supervised postmortem examinations, gave evidence at inquests, and carried an investigative caseload.

SUPPORT WORKER Various • 2001 – 2006

Worked with various client groups, such as learning-disabled adults, mental health secure unit patients and the elderly.

WORK EXPERIENCE • NYPD • 2004

Spent a month in New York City shadowing homicide and crime scene detectives. Attended various murder scenes in Manhattan.



RESEARCH AREAS & SKILLS

- Inquisitorial Forensic Death Investigation
- Death Scene Interpretation
- Equivocal Death Investigation
- Identification of Staged Crime Scenes
- Coronial Inquest Assistance
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Forensic Medicine Interpretation
- 999 Call Analysis
- Miscarriages of Justice
- Victimology & Suspectology
- Police and Sudden Deaths
- Suicide & Homicide Research
- Cold Case Reviews



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EDUCATION

[IN PROGRESS] PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE

MANNER OF DEATH DETERMINATION •

A multidisciplinary international exploration of factors that can influence manner of death determination by judicial officers when investigating ambiguous deaths. Suggestions made for upskilling dedicated inquisitorial medicolegal death investigators to assist police and coroners to establish the truth as to how a decedent came by their death.

MSC FORENSIC BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE • 2002 • Liverpool

Dissertation focused on the antecedent and motivational factors that lead people to self-harm. The key findings were published in a book by Jan Sutton 'Healing the Hurt Within: Understanding Self-Injury and Self-Harm, and Heal the Emotional Wounds' (October 2005).

BSC (HONS) FORENSIC SCIENCE • 2005 • Staffordshire University

Dissertation was in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis – analysing how the type of material affected the pattern of spatter, and hence the accuracy of spatter interpretation at crime scenes.

BSC (HONS) APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY • 2001 • LJMU

Dissertation specialty explored the possible links between deliberate self-harm and body modification (tattoos, piercings, scarification).

CPD CERTIFICATION

- 2025: Death Investigation Training Academy (DITA) Certification
- 2024: Diploma Forensic Medical Sciences (DipFMS)
- 2021: Medical Examiner Officer Core Modules
- 2019: Advanced Homicide Investigation
- 2019: Psychological Autopsy Investigation
- 2019: Investigating Staged Crime Scenes
- 2018: PIP Level 1 Investigative Skills and File Quality
- 2011: Medico-legal Death Investigation
- 2010: Coroner's Law and the Bereaved
- 2008: Fundamental Medicine for Coroner's Officers
- 2005: Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- 2004: Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis



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MEMBERSHIP

- Chartered Society Forensic Sciences
- Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine
- Coroner's Officers and Staff Association
- International Association Homicide Investigators
- International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts

VOLUNTARY WORK

- **Volunteer** at RSPCA Warrington, Halton and St Helens Branch:
Oct 2021 – Present
- **Syndicate Leader** at the Chief Coroner's National Training
2015 – 2018
- **Volunteer** at Coroner's Officers and Staff Association
2008 – 2010 and 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- **Chapter:** Davies, S (2023). *Crime Scene Investigation*. In Corteen, K; Steele, R; Cross, N (Eds) *Forensic Psychology, Crime and Policing: Key Concepts and Practical Debates* (pp. 291-296). Policy Press.
- **Chapter:** Davies, S (2025). *Notes or Last Communication*. In Chancellor AS; *Equivocal Death: Investigating Suicide, Accidental, and other Questionable Deaths* (pp. 159-178). CRC Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- National Police Family Liaison Officer Conference (2017): The key learnings from the 2015 Bosley Multiple Fatality Explosion Case
- National Child Death Overview Panel (2018): The results of a study in Child Suicides in Cheshire 2007 – 2017

TESTIMONIALS

Presentations / Lecturing

"A morbid but absolutely fascinating talk from a very knowledgeable speaker. I think my favourite of all the presentations. A lot of knowledge to absorb which should guide thinking in future. I believe this could be a course in itself."

"I thought Steph was very knowledgeable and passionate about the topic. I found the part when she played the clip of the 999 call from the stable murder and went through 'guilty indicators' very interesting"

Case Consultations

"I reached out to Stephanie for a second opinion after receiving my son's toxicology and post-mortem reports. She took so much time and care to go through everything in detail, and the report she produced was incredibly thorough and insightful. Her support meant that when I attended the inquest, I felt much more prepared and confident in the questions I asked the coroner. Thanks to her expertise, I finally had the answers I needed to find closure."

