

## Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine welcomed as new member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

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The Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (FFLM) became the twenty third and newest member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on 1 October 2016.

The FFLM was set up in 2006 to develop and maintain the highest possible standards of competence and professional integrity in forensic and legal medicine.

The specialty covers professionals working predominantly in three related disciplines: forensic medical practitioners (including forensic physicians, sexual offence examiners, and child physical and sexual assault examiners); medico-legal advisers to medical defence organisations; and medically-qualified coroners.

Having met the criteria for membership, the Faculty's application to join the Academy was agreed unanimously by the Academy Council and Board of Trustees having met the criteria for membership.

The Chair of the Academy Professor Dame Sue Bailey said:

*"I am pleased to welcome the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine into membership of the Academy. The Faculty provides a clear and distinct voice for forensic and legal medicine and has huge expertise in this increasingly important specialty. FFLM's members work in a range of settings and their experience of broader aspects of healthcare will be extremely valuable to the Academy. At the same time I believe the Academy can help link the FFLM with the other specialties in the Academy family.*

*I am sure that Jason Payne-James and the FFLM will make an important contribution to the Academy and hope that we will be able to support them in their role of improving medical education and training and standards of healthcare for vulnerable people"*

President of the FFLM Jason Payne-James, said

*'I am delighted that the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine has become a member of the Academy. This is a very important further step for forensic & legal medicine in its quest for recognition as a defined medical specialty and a further recognition of the importance of the role of the FFLM membership who work with some of the most vulnerable in society. Our members strive to ensure the health and welfare of those who become involved with the criminal justice and other legal settings, by providing independent and impartial healthcare and forensic expertise, aimed at optimising health and reducing risk of miscarriages of justice. The FFLM will continue to do everything in its power to raise standards in forensic & legal medicine, and looks forward to supporting the Academy in all its aims and functions'.*

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### NOTES

1. Details of the Academy can be found at [www.aomrc.org.uk](http://www.aomrc.org.uk) and the Faculty at [www.fflm.ac.uk](http://www.fflm.ac.uk)
2. The Academy currently has 23 members comprising the medical Royal Colleges and Faculties across the UK and Ireland
3. To become a member of the Academy requires the agreement of the Council and Board of Trustees. Applicant bodies have to meet a number of criteria including representing a clearly distinct and discrete specialty, having proper governance structures and officers and being financially independent