

MARK (ZACK) NEWTON

CASEWORK CONSULTANT - DRUG SPECIALIST

SPECIALISMS

- ★ Drug valuations
- ★ Dealer lists and text message interpretations
- ★ Encrochat
- ★ Cannabis cultivation and yield
- ★ CSAS algorithms
- ★ POCA drug valuations

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Mr Newton joined Keith Borer Consultants as a drugs specialist in 2024 after 31 years at Wiltshire police, where he was a serving police officer for 25½ years and a member of police staff for 5½ years; he has 14 years' experience as a police drug expert witness.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Mr Newton qualified as a police drug expert in 2009. He completed the Foundation, County Lines and Organised Crime drug expert courses and from 2015 was the Drug Expert Witness Coordinator for Wiltshire police completing over 700 expert witness reports and peer reviewing hundreds more.

During his career Mr Newton worked in the following teams:

- Divisional Drugs Team, tackling all levels of drug trafficking
- Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS) Team, as a CHIS handler eliciting intelligence on drug trafficking methods
- Burglary Unit, investigating individuals committing crime to fund their drug habits
- CID, dealing with complex drug trafficking cases
- Child Protection Department, investigating child exploitation within drug trafficking

Mr Newton finished his police career as a Detective Sergeant on the Serious & Organised Crime Unit, conducting covert surveillance & tackling organised crime groups involved in drug trafficking.

Mr Newton led on hundreds of drug trafficking investigations from low-level street dealing and undercover drug test purchase operations, to commercial cannabis factories and multi-kilo organised crime networks. He was also the Force lead for covert monitoring giving him direct insight into the day-to-day running of those involved in drug trafficking.

Mr Newton is a founding member of the Independent Drug Expert Alliance (IDEA), an impartial and independent organisation committed to promoting openness, transparency and knowledge sharing through CPD events in the area of drug expert witnesses.