

MICHAEL APPLEBY

FORENSIC BIOLOGIST

SPECIALISMS

- ★ Interpretation of DNA profiling results
- ★ Assessment of biological evidence in rape, murder cases & cold cases
- ★ Blood pattern interpretation

QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biological Sciences, 1987

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Mike Appleby has been employed as a forensic scientist since 1980, when he joined the Forensic Science Service (FSS) at the Aldermaston Laboratory. He joined Keith Borer Consultants in 2011. During his long career, he has amassed extensive experience on the evaluation of biological evidence in all types of cases and in particular rapes, assaults, murders, and armed robberies.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

The breadth of Mr Appleby's experience, from blood grouping techniques to evaluation of evidence at scenes, can be invaluable in 'cold case' reviews where evidence may have been collected many years ago and subjected to a range of forensic techniques as they developed.

Mr Appleby has prepared many hundreds of statements and reports in respect of his investigations and interpretations for the following areas:

- The interpretation of DNA profiles and the interpretation of multi-sourced profiles
- Assessment of biological evidence in case of rape, assault and murder
- Analysis of blood patterns deposited on clothing, weapons and at scenes of crime

He has given evidence in Magistrates', Coroners' and Crown Courts throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland, in Courts Martial in England and Germany, and in courts in Holland and the British Virgin Islands. He has provided testimony on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence.

During his career with the FSS, Mr Appleby acted as trainer and mentor to numerous staff in the fields of blood grouping, DNA profiling, case and scene interpretation. He also acted as a trainer on the expert witness course, specialising in the interpretation and presentation of DNA evidence.

Mr Appleby undertakes regular training and development in the field of Forensic Biology, and the presentation of evidence in court.