



KERRI ALLEN

FORENSIC BIOLOGIST

SPECIALISMS

- ★ Interpretation of DNA profiling results
- ★ Identification of body fluids
- ★ Analysis of textile fibres and hairs
- ★ Damage to clothing

QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 Bachelor of Science (Honours) Zoology, University of Nottingham (1987)
- 📖 Master of Science, Forensic Science, University of Strathclyde (1988)

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Kerri Allen has been a forensic scientist since 1988 when she joined the Forensic Science Service (FSS) at the Huntingdon Laboratory, later moving to the London Laboratory where she worked until December 2011. She was then employed by a private forensic consultancy for 10 years before joining Keith Borer Consultants.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Mrs Allen's areas of expertise include:

- The identification of body fluids
- Interpretation of DNA profiling results
- Analysis of textile fibres and hairs
- Damage to clothing

She has gained extensive experience in the examination and evaluation of biological evidence in a wide range of different case types, with sexual offences her particular area of expertise. Her experience in DNA interpretation includes current techniques, but also historical SGMPlus, SGM, Low Copy Number (LCN) and Quad profiling techniques. She has prepared many hundreds of reports and statements and has given oral evidence on numerous occasions in both Magistrates' and Crown Courts throughout England and Wales and in the Royal Court in Jersey.

During her career, Mrs Allen has acted as a trainer and mentor to forensic scientists at all levels in analysis, interpretation, case management and report and statement writing, in particular for textile fibres and DNA mixtures. She has been a guest lecturer at London South Bank University, Kingston University and City Law School.

Keith Borer Consultants operates a Continuous Professional Development Scheme for all staff. Within this scheme, Mrs Allen undertakes regular training and development in the field of Forensic Biology, including attending conferences and relevant training courses.