

JULIAN DUNNILL

FORENSIC SCIENTIST

SPECIALISMS

- ★ Identification of illicit drugs & medicines
- ★ Drug valuations, dealer lists and text messages
- ★ Cannabis cultivation & drug synthesis set ups

QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiology, Leeds University

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Mr Dunnill joined Keith Borer Consultants as drugs expert in 2014 after 22 years at the Forensic Science Service, where he was a senior scientist and lead Cannabis Cultivation expert.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Mr Dunnill has been involved in training colleagues and law enforcement officers in matters relating to many drug-related matters. He has worked on many thousands of drugs cases, including around 1,100 in his current role, the bulk of which include aspects of valuation, activities within drug markets and assessment of wider, drug-related issues. He has also worked at the ESR Forensic laboratory in New Zealand and within the pharmaceutical research industry.

Mr Dunnill specialises in drugs cases including the following areas:

- Illicit drug seizures - identification of illicit and medicinal substances; interpretation of analytical data and drug trace evidence; assessment of suspected links between drug seizures; interpretation of drug legislation.
- Drug valuations – assignment of appropriate valuations commensurate with case circumstance; assessment of POCA applications.
- Cannabis cultivation - estimates of likely yield including full scene evaluation from documents/photographs; valuation of crops; electricity consumption; and assessments of set-up cost and level of sophistication.
- Drug synthesis - assessment of alleged precursor chemicals, operational set ups and putative synthetic routes; consideration of alternative uses of chemicals and equipment involved.
- Text messages and dealer lists - interpretation of drug slang terminology; assessment of scale of potential transactions and deal values; critique of the Prosecution's assessments.
- Patterns of drug use – assessing the patterns of use of controlled drugs.

He has written and peer reviewed many thousands of statements and regularly attends Courts in the UK and Ireland to present evidence or provide advice on drug-related on numerous occasions and his expertise has been accepted for over 30 years.

Mr Dunnill is a guest Lecturer at Teesside University. As part of the Continuous Professional Development in operation at KBC, he undertakes regular training and development in illicit drug-related matters.