

Dorothy Allan BSc(Hons), MCSFS
Personal Qualifications and Experience

Mrs Allan joined Keith Borer Consultants in January 2012 from the Huntingdon laboratory of the Forensic Science Service (FSS), where she had been a scientist for 25 years. She provides expertise in cases concerning:

Handwriting and signature comparisons (in both criminal and civil matters).

Mrs Allan is frequently instructed to carry out original work as well as critically appraising work previously carried out by other experts, or acting as a single joint expert. Typical cases include:

- Fraud – Determination of the authenticity of signatures on mortgage documents, wills, loan agreements, cheques etc
- Comparison of handwritten entries made in two names with each other to establish common authorship
- Comparison of questioned handwriting with specimen handwriting to determine authorship

Footwear marks

Mrs Allan is experienced in the comparison of footwear marks recovered from crime scenes with items of footwear. Typical crime marks examined by Mrs Allan include those made in blood, on paper, on lifts, and on large items such as chairs and doors. In addition, she has extensive experience of examining footwear marks made on clothing and on skin in serious assault and murder cases.

Particulates (glass, fibres, paint and building debris)

Cases of this type generally involve addressing specific issues including the accuracy of any comparisons made, the suitability of tests employed, the security of exhibit handling and packaging, the calibration of analytical instruments used, and the interpretation of the evidence given the information known to the prosecution scientist. Mrs Allan will also re-evaluate the evidence available in the light of an account of events provided by the defendant.

Mrs Allan has regularly produced reports and attended court on cases in all of the above disciplines. She has attended court on many occasions to advise counsel and has given expert evidence in Youth, Magistrates', and Crown Courts throughout England and Wales including the Old Bailey.

She has the following qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science (Hons) Chemistry (2:1) – St Andrews University
- Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences

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

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