

Name: Professor Roger Robson

Role: Forensic Advisor

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Security Level: SC.

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Summary: Figurehead and respected expert in the forensic industry; specialising in the forensic aspects of serious crimes, especially those involving the transfer of microscopic particles. Extensive knowledge across most forensic disciplines, their application and evaluation. This foundation as a current practitioner/expert witness allows Roger to advise the UK judicial system, the Home Office, Law Commission and CCRC on all matters of forensic science and policy formulation.

Considerable resource & budget management experience, working for three of the main UK forensic providers as a Director at Board level. Whilst Roger has significantly contributed to the success of commercialising the forensic market, he has also grown to attain international recognition as an experienced forensic scientist.

Education and Qualifications:

Date	Qualification
1970-78	Tadcaster Grammar School – O and A Levels
1982	Leeds Polytechnic – HND Applied Chemistry
1986	Manchester University - BSc Hons Applied Biology
1988	Member of the Institute of Biology Chartered Biologist
1998	Licentiate of the Textile Institute
2002	Diploma in Exec. Management - Henley Management College
2010	Fellow of the Forensic Science Society
2009	Fellow of the Society of Biology
2019	Visiting Professor – School of Law, Policing & Forensic Science Staffordshire University
2019-20	President of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences

Employment Record:

Date	Details
1978	Assistant Scientific Officer – Home Office Forensic Lab. Wetherby. 4 years “apprenticeship” which included 12 months in each of the main depts. including Drugs/ Toxicology/ Chemistry and Biology which provided a solid grounding to all aspects of mainstream forensic science.

1982	Scientific Officer – Home Office. Specialised in Serology for 2 years then moved into the Biology Dept., attending a range of crime scenes [murders; armed robbery; arson; poisoning; illicit drugs lab.] and focussing on examinations of crimes of a serious nature. FSS lead on wildlife crime.
1989	Higher Scientific Officer – Forensic Science Service. Took up the first trace specialist role in the FSS as part of a new initiative. Expert Witness on trace evidence.
1993	Team Leader Analytical Services – Forensic Science Service. I continued to develop my specialist role and was a founder of the ENFSI Fibres Group – lecturing extensively across Europe. I managed a team of 12 scientists offering a range of analytical functions across various disciplines. Responsible for accreditation for the Dept. Lead Casework Expert and FSS trainer, also an ISO 17025 Trained Auditor.
1998	Head of Forensic Analytical Services [Grade 7] – AEA Technology. Left the FSS to join Forensic Alliance at its inception, via the analytical linking arm of AEAT.
2000	Head of Biology & Chemistry – Forensic Alliance Ltd. FAL acquired the analytical arm of AEAT and I increased my responsibilities as a result.
2002	Head of Operations – Forensic Alliance Ltd. As part of the Executive team I helped transform a staffing level of 25 at one laboratory to 250 at 4 sites over 4 years. Lead the implementation of ISO 17025. We were listed in the FT top 100 fastest growing UK companies making FAL primed for acquisition by LGC.
2003	Head of Operations + Homicide Investigations – LGC Forensics Ltd. Here I managed a team who assisted with the daily operations, allowing me sufficient time to devote to training a new generation of experts and working personally on some of the UK's most highest profile unsolved historic crimes and ensuring we delivered an excellent forensic homicide service to the MPS. I started to work on Appeal cases in 2004.
2007	Managing Director/Scientific Advisor – Forensic Access Ltd. Partner. Within my first 12 months Forensic Access increased its turnover by a third; within 24 months we moved to new larger premises with modern laboratories and doubled the number of employees. I still practiced as an expert, focussing on unsolved cases and high profile cases for the Criminal Defence Service in the UK and overseas.
2017	Director of Forensic Services – Acumé Forensics Ltd. Part-time role taking a company specialising in forensic imagery through ISO 17025 and leading on policy.
2017 – current	Forensic Science Consultant - Forensic Outlook Ltd. Owner – platform for delivering consultancy services. Details below.
2020	Affiliate to Principal Forensic Services Ltd. Working with the team of experts offering a range of international for services.

Recent Career Highlights:

1. 2008: taking Forensic Access through UKAS ISO 17025 accreditation and further to fall in line with the Forensic Regulator's Codes of Practice & Conduct (2014). September 2016 - leading on the implementation of ISO 17043 in line with a new unique UK service offering forensic proficiency tests.

2. **2008:** I was invited as an expert witness to sit on the Steering Group for a Citizen's Enquiry into the NDNAD. Funded by the Human Genetics Commission. Fellow Group Members included Helena Kennedy QC, the Chair of Black & Ethnic Minority Policemen and Chief Constable Tony Lake.
3. **2009:** I lead a contract to build, resource and pull together a state of the art service, writing my own SOPs and implement ISO 17025 accreditation systems, into a unique radionuclear forensic laboratory for the Home Office; AWE site at Aldermaston. This project has involved designing unique instruments specific for this type of operation, negotiations with other key players such as the FBI, Counter Terrorist Branch, and sensitive security issues at the highest Ministerial level.
4. **2010:** I was invited to join the Forensic Regulator's Advisory Council. Current.
5. **2010-12:** I became involved with Huddersfield University in delivering a training programme to 104 Libyan students studying for an MSc. I lead on the micro-trace aspects of the course.
6. **2017:** Voted in as President of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.
7. **2019:** awarded the role as Visiting Professor for the School of Policing, Law & Forensic Science, Staffordshire University.
8. **Current:** I have been media trained and undertaken various interviews for radio and television. I have also published a number of articles upon request for "*The Barrister*" magazine and offered advice for a range of crime novelists and BBC/ITV crime dramas and even appearing on an Arts Show for Sky TV,

Publications:

I have produced various scientific papers and technical notes, some of which have been published. I have presented at a range of scientific conferences including the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, ENFSI, EAFS and within my role as a Visiting Professor. In addition I have written articles for The Barrister magazine and co-authored scientific chapters in forensic books. Highlights include:

ENFSI: co-author of the first ENFSI publication: "*European Guidelines for the Forensic Examination of Textile Fibres*" in 1998 and its subsequent 2nd Edition in 2012.

The Royal Society: Forensic Science in Practice - as part of the Chief Scientist's Advisor Report to the Government. 2016.

The Barister: Two articles: Who investigates the Investigators? How safe is the interpretation of Forensic Science? 2008

Royal Society of Chemistry: The Use of Light in Forensic Glass Analysis. Co-author. 2017.

Gait Analysis: Co-author. Chapter on guidance writing reports as an expert witness. In press. 2020.