



**EAST MIDLANDS  
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY UNIT**

## **POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FP3256**

**DAWN STURGESS**

### **SUMMARY REPORT**

<b>PATHOLOGIST:</b>	<b>PROFESSOR G N RUTTY</b>
<b>REVIEW PATHOLOGIST:</b>	<b>DR FRANCES HOLLINGBURY</b>
<b>CORONER:</b>	<b>MR D RIDLEY</b>
<b>POLICE FORCE:</b>	<b>THAMES VALLEY POLICE</b>
<b>IDENTIFICATION BY:</b>	<b>IDENTIFICATION BAG TAG</b>

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(Section 9 Criminal Justice Act 1967 and Rule 16.2 Criminal Procedure Rules)

STATEMENT OF: Professor Guy N Rutty

DATE OF BIRTH: Over 18 years

This statement consisting of 17 pages signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I would be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or that I do not believe to be true.

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**POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION STATEMENT**

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DAWN STURGESS

**CAUSE OF DEATH**

Ia Post cardiac arrest hypoxic brain injury and intracerebral haemorrhage

Ib Novichok toxicity

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**EXAMINATION STANDARDS**

Autopsy examinations at the East Midlands Forensic Pathology Unit are undertaken in line with the following standards (application of which in whole or part is case dependent):

1. Codes of Practice and Performance Standards for Forensic Pathologists in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Royal College of Pathologists, 2012.
2. Post mortem cross sectional imaging guidance from the Royal Colleges of Radiology and Pathology, 2012.

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- 26 3. Chief Coroner guidance on post mortem scanning, 2013.
- 27 4. Standards for Coroner's pathologists in post-mortem examinations of deaths that appear  
28 not to be suspicious. Royal College of Pathologists, 2014.
- 29 5. Information to be included in the 'history' section of a forensic pathologist's report.  
30 Forensic Science Regulator, 2014.
- 31 6. The use of time of death estimates based on heat loss from the body. Forensic Science  
32 Regulator, 2014.
- 33 7. Legal issues in Forensic Pathology and tissue retention: issue 3 guidance. Forensic  
34 Science Regulator, 2014.

### 35 **STANDARD TERMINOLOGY**

36 Where the following terminology is used within this report, it should be interpreted as per the  
37 Istanbul Protocol [Chapter V, Section D, Para 187 (a) - (e)], United Nations: New York &  
38 Geneva, 2004, which has been modified to include non-trauma pathology:

39 'Not consistent'	The lesion could not have been caused by the mechanism / pathology 40 described.
41 'Consistent'	The lesion could have been caused by the mechanism / pathology 42 described, but it is non-specific and there are many other possible 43 causes.
44 'Highly consistent'	The lesion could have been caused by the mechanism / pathology 45 described, and there are a few other possible causes.
46 'Typical of'	There is an appearance that is usually found with this type of mechanism 47 / pathology, but there are other possible causes.
48 'Diagnostic of'	This appearance could not have been caused in any way other than that 49 described.

### 50 **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

51 I am a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and have a Medical Doctorate. I am a  
52 Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and hold the Royal College of Pathologists  
53 Diploma in Forensic Pathology. I am a Founding Fellow of the Chartered Society of Forensic

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54 Sciences. I am a Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine at the Royal  
55 College of Physicians and have held (2015-2016) the David Jenkins Chair of the Faculty. I  
56 hold the Foundation Chair in Forensic Pathology at the University of Leicester where I am  
57 Chief Forensic Pathologist to the East Midlands Forensic Pathology Unit. I am an Honorary  
58 Consultant in Histopathology to the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and I am a  
59 Home Office Registered Forensic Pathologist, having been placed on the Home Office  
60 Accredited Register in 1996. I was awarded the Chao Tzee Cheng Visiting Professorship of  
61 the National University of Singapore in 2015. I am the Responsible Officer to the Home Office  
62 Pathology Delivery Board and the Department of Justice, Northern Ireland.

63 I have served as an elected member of Council of the Royal College of Pathologists and have  
64 acted as Chair and member of the Forensic Pathology Specialist Advisory Committee. I have  
65 sat on the Academic Committee of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine at the Royal  
66 College of Physicians and have been a member of their Research Committee having been the  
67 Foundation Chair of the committee. I have been a member of the Pathology Delivery Board  
68 for Forensic Pathology for the Home Office. I am a member of the Netherlands Board of Court  
69 Experts Advisory Committee for Standards for Forensic Pathology having been the first  
70 international forensic pathologist to be awarded Netherlands Forensic Pathology Court  
71 Registration (awarded 2015). I am the past Chair (office held at different levels 2014-2016) of  
72 the International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging and past Chair of the UK National  
73 Post Mortem Radiology Imaging Board. I am the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of  
74 the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Clinical Forensic Imaging. I am an Associate Fellow of  
75 the Higher Education Academy.

76 My principal work relates to the provision of forensic pathology services to HM Coroners and  
77 police forces of the East Midlands. I also provide forensic pathology services to other police  
78 forces of the United Kingdom as well as opinion work for both prosecution and defence for  
79 solicitors and police forces alike. I provide forensic pathology and mass disaster services to  
80 police forces and countries internationally. I undertake research and teaching (undergraduate,  
81 postgraduate, medical, paramedical and manage a Royal College and Home Office approved  
82 training centre for Forensic Pathology) within my academic role and have published over 293  
83 publications including original peer reviewed papers, review articles, editorials, case reports,  
84 letters and abstracts (those related to national and international meetings), one paper of which  
85 I understand is currently ranked in the top 1% of all papers published in the world in my  
86 discipline area, as well as editing 10 autopsy related books with further books in production. I

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87 have authored 34 book chapters (including re-editing of previously published chapters) and  
88 assisted with the writing of crime based fictional novels. I was the founder Editor-in-Chief of  
89 the International Forensic Journal, *Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology* which I edited  
90 until December 2008 and have acted as guest editor and associate editor to the Journal of  
91 Forensic Radiology and Imaging. I am a member of speciality journal editorial boards. I am  
92 an examiner for the Royal College of Pathologists for forensic pathology.

93 I hold membership of appropriate forensic pathology, forensic science, histopathology and  
94 radiological associations and societies. I sit/have sat as an advisor to both association and  
95 governmental bodies in relation to forensic pathology developments and services, including  
96 the Policy Advisory Committee of the British Association in Forensic Medicine, the Home  
97 Office in relation to contaminated mass fatalities, the Department of Health in relation to  
98 forensic and mass fatality radiology and the National Police Improvement Agency Missing  
99 Person's Bureau. I have acted as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the  
100 International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP). I have acted as Deputy Chair of the  
101 Pathology and Anthropology Working Group of the Steering Committee for Disaster Victim  
102 Identification of Interpol. I am the lead for the Forensic Imaging for this Working Group.

103 I received a Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioners Commendation for my work with  
104 the European Commission funded exercise, Operation Torch in 2008. I was awarded the  
105 Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, June  
106 2010 for services to the police and counter terrorism.

107 I am a volunteer Response Doctor for East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS), being a  
108 member of EMICS. I hold the Certificate of the Electronic Pre Hospital Emergency Care  
109 Course (E-phec) of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh whom I am a member of the  
110 Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care. I am a member of the British Association for Immediate Care  
111 (BASICS). I hold certification in Advanced Adult (ALS) and Basic Paediatric Life Support  
112 (PLS), as well as Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). I am a UK Resuscitation Council  
113 accredited Immediate Life Support (ILS) instructor.

114 Finally, I was the pathologist who undertook the pathological examination of the remains of  
115 King Richard III, being the principal pathological author of the principal paper that described  
116 the injuries that he sustained and proposing the most probable cause of death.

117 My full curriculum vitae can be provided on request.

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118 **EXAMINATION DETAILS**

119 **Under the authority of:** Mr D Ridley,  
120 HM Senior Coroner for Wiltshire and Swindon  
121 **Location:** Designated mortuary  
122 **Name of deceased:** Dawn STURGESS  
123 **Date of birth:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 1974 **Age:** 44 years  
124 **Address:** John Baker House, 16-18 Rollestone Street, Salisbury  
125 **Scene of incident:** 9 Muggleton Road, Amesbury  
126 **Date of death:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 **at** 20:26 hours  
127 **Examination date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
128 **Start:** 13.20 hours **Finish** 00.10 hours (18<sup>th</sup> July 2018)  
129 **Identification by:** Identification bag tag

130 **PRESENT DURING EXAMINATION**

131 Professor G N Ruty, Forensic Pathologist  
132 Dr Philip Lumb, Forensic Pathologist  
133 Ishbel Gall, duty Anatomical Pathology Technologist  
134 QM73, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
135 Others : Exhibits Officers; Photographers; representatives of Thames Valley Police, Dstl,  
136 Regional HART Team and British Army

137 **CLINICAL HISTORY**

138 **The information contained in the section entitled CLINICAL HISTORY, is my**  
139 **interpretation of the information that was given to me prior to the autopsy examination.**  
140 **This information may, or may not be, factually correct and may alter during the police**  
141 **investigation subsequent to the end of the autopsy examination.**

142 On the authority of Mr D Ridley, HM Senior Coroner for Wiltshire and Swindon and at the  
143 request of Thames Valley Police, I attended the Designated mortuary on 17<sup>th</sup> July  
144 2018 to undertake an independent autopsy on the body of the deceased, Dawn Sturgess.

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145 Accompanying me during the examination was Dr Philip Lumb, Home Office Registered  
146 Forensic Pathologist from the Manchester Group Practice. He was instructed by HM Senior  
147 Coroner to be present throughout the autopsy examination and to provide a second independent  
148 report concerning the autopsy findings and death of Dawn Sturgess. I can confirm that Dr  
149 Lumb and I undertook the examination together, and that I have not had sight of his  
150 independent report.

151 The clinical history can be summarised as follows. Dawn Sturgess was a 44-year old female  
152 who lived at John Baker House, 16-18 Rolleston Street, Salisbury. She became unwell at the  
153 scene address on the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The ambulance service was alerted to a female  
154 at the scene who was in respiratory distress. During the ambulance journey to the scene she  
155 went into cardiac arrest. The ambulance service, as well as a HEMS team attended the scene  
156 address, providing her with resuscitation. A ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) was  
157 established. She was taken to Salisbury hospital where she remained in an unconscious state.  
158 On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the diagnosis of Novichok poisoning was recorded in the medical notes. On  
159 the days prior to her death she was diagnosed as having post cardiac arrest hypoxic brain injury  
160 with an acute intracerebral bleed. She died on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

161 **SCENE**

162 I have not attended the scene of her collapse.

163 **IDENTIFICATION**

164 The body was identified to me as that of Dawn Sturgess of John Baker House, 16-18 Rolleston  
165 Street, Salisbury by means of an identification tag numbered WA166551 which was present  
166 within the [REDACTED] body bag [REDACTED]. This was identified to me by a Thames Valley Police Officer  
167 who attended the autopsy examination. He informed me that he had placed the tag within said  
168 wallet. This tag was photographed and retained as an exhibit (GR1). Hospital identification  
169 bracelets were present to the right lower arm (x 2) and left ankle (x 1) which I personally  
170 checked. Again, these were all photographed.

171 **AUTOPSY EXAMINATION**

172 The autopsy examination, comprising an external and internal examination as well as taking a  
173 number of biological specimens for further laboratory examination was undertaken at [REDACTED]

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174 [redacted] designated mortuary on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Due to the suggestion that the deceased had been  
175 exposed to Novichok the examination was undertaken as a so called “Chemical, Biological,  
176 Radiological and Nuclear” (CBRN) examination using appropriate personal protective  
177 equipment (PPE). Prior to the examination a step by step process map detailing the order of  
178 procedures and sampling strategy was developed and agreed. This was modified, by agreement  
179 with the investigating police force, during the examination of the deceased.

#### 180 SPECIMENS RETAINED

181 With the authorisation of HM Coroner and following discussion with the Senior Investigating  
182 Officer, fluid and tissue samples were retained for examination at the East Midlands Forensic  
183 Pathology unit as well as a number of external laboratories. The list of specimens retained is  
184 captured within the autopsy process map and the list of autopsy related exhibits.

#### 185 TOXICOLOGY

186 Toxicological samples were examined whilst the deceased was alive in hospital. The details  
187 of the results of these examinations are found within the deceased’s hospital notes.

#### 188 HISTOLOGY

189 Three different examinations were undertaken with the tissue retained at autopsy and released  
190 by Dstl Porton Down to the East Midlands Forensic Pathology Unit.

#### 191 CARDIAC PATHOLOGY

192 Selected tissue from the heart was retained at the autopsy examination and referred to Dr K  
193 Suvama at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

#### 194 SPECIALIST CHEMICAL AGENT ANALYSIS

195 Samples were taken from the body of the deceased for analysis by Dstl Porton Down, and by  
196 the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

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197 **COMMENTS**

- 198 1. The body was that of a white adult female whose general appearance was in keeping with  
199 the stated age of 44 years
- 200 2. The body was identified to me as that of Dawn Sturgess of John Baker House, 16-18  
201 Rolleston Street, Salisbury by means of an identification tag numbered WA166551  
202 which was present within the [REDACTED] body bag [REDACTED]. This was identified by the Thames  
203 Valley Police Officer who attended the autopsy examination and informed me that he  
204 had placed the tag within said wallet. This tag was photographed and retained as an  
205 exhibit (GR1). Hospital identification bracelets were present to the right lower arm (x 2)  
206 and left ankles (x 1) which I personally checked. Again, these were all photographed.
- 207 3. In my opinion the key elements of the medical history are that the deceased collapsed at  
208 home after complaining of a headache for which she had gone to take a bath. She may  
209 or may not have taken medication for this. She then went first into respiratory arrest,  
210 then asystolic cardiac arrest. Those attending her at the scene noted pinpoint pupils and  
211 she defecated during resuscitation. Following ROSC she was bradycardic (slow heart  
212 beat) with an ECG in hospital showing prolonged QT duration. She was also noted to  
213 have a large amount of saliva production and diarrhoea. Organophosphate toxicity was  
214 considered, and the results of her Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) histochemistry  
215 examination showed profound inhibition. The diagnosis of Novichok toxicity was made  
216 around 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Her admission head CT scan had importantly shown no acute or  
217 chronic pathology to explain the clinical presentation of a headache, specifically no  
218 evidence of an intracranial or intracerebral bleed. However, the repeat head CT scan on  
219 the 6/7/2018 showed hypoxic brain injury with an acute left sided intracerebral bleed.  
220 This had extended on the third scan on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to involve the brainstem with  
221 associated cerebellar tonsil displacement. She died on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 222 4. An autopsy examination was undertaken on the deceased's body under so-called  
223 "CBRN" conditions. Two Home Office Registered forensic pathologists from different  
224 geographic areas of the country and different group practices undertook the examination.  
225 The examination was photographed, videoed and subject to international independent  
226 observer observation.
- 227 5. The external examination documented a number of marks of medical intervention which  
228 have neither caused nor contributed to death.

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- 229 6. The external examination documented a number of historical scars and healing injuries  
230 which do not require further consideration.
- 231 7. The external examination identified no fresh marks of injury. Thus, no injuries were  
232 identified to the deceased to suggest or support that her collapse had been as a result of a  
233 blunt or sharp trauma assault.
- 234 8. The internal examination identified pathology to the brain, heart, pleural cavities, lungs,  
235 peritoneal cavity, liver, and lymph nodes as detailed within the text of the full report. A  
236 number of fractures at various stages of healing were identified to the rib cage and  
237 sternum as can arise following cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- 238 9. No natural disease was identified at the autopsy examination or the subsequent  
239 histological or cardiac examinations to account for the presenting signs and symptoms or  
240 to be considered as her cause of death.
- 241 10. Due to period of time that the deceased has survived post ROSC in hospital and the time  
242 between death and the autopsy examination the brain's consistency had deteriorated,  
243 making it difficult to examine at autopsy. Despite this there are good clinical records in  
244 the form of the CT scans that demonstrate that the deceased's collapse was not as a result  
245 of an intracranial or intracerebral bleed. Rather the bleed that was demonstrated on CT  
246 scanning, and autopsy, developed in hospital on a background of post cardiac arrest  
247 hypoxic brain injury. In common with intracranial haemorrhage associated with  
248 organophosphate toxicity, for which I have only found one reference referring to a case  
249 of subarachnoid haemorrhage [Ref., 10.1], post cardiac arrest intracranial haemorrhage  
250 has, to my knowledge only been reported once in the literature. The paper of Cha *et al.*,  
251 [Ref.,10.2] describes similar findings to this case in as much that the first CT scan  
252 undertaken 4 hours after ROSC showed no intracranial haemorrhage and yet a repeat  
253 scan undertaken 7 days later showed bilateral basal ganglia and thalami haemorrhage  
254 with subarachnoid haemorrhage. Thus, I am of the opinion that the deceased has  
255 developed a post cardiac arrest intracerebral bleed on a background of hypoxic brain  
256 injury which has extended to involve the vital cardiorespiratory centres of her brain and  
257 led to her death.

## 258 References

- 259 10.1 Gokel Y. Subarachnoid haemorrhage and rhabdomyolysis induced acute renal  
260 failure complicating organophosphate intoxication. *Renal Failure*, 2002, 24:6;  
261 867-871.

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- 262 10.2 Cha KC, Thi TN, Shin HJ, Cha YS, Kim H, Hwang SO. Bilateral intracerebral  
263 hemorrhage following CPR. *Signa Vitae*, 2012, 7:2; 53-55.
- 264 11. The deceased had fluid accumulations within her pericardial sac, and pleural and  
265 peritoneal cavities as well as generalised oedema (fluid) to her soft tissue and muscle  
266 compartments. Although there are a number of papers that suggest that organophosphate  
267 toxicity can cause alveolar capillary membrane breakdown leading to oedema of the lung,  
268 as well as parenchymal haemorrhage and increased risk of pneumonia, as these findings  
269 can also be seen in those not dying of organophosphate poisoning, who are in multi-organ  
270 failure from other causes, I am of the opinion that these observations, although reported  
271 in organophosphate toxicity, are not necessarily specific in their own right to  
272 organophosphate toxicity.
- 273 12. In life the deceased had a toxicological examination undertaken. This identified a  
274 number of therapeutic and non-therapeutic drugs to be present. Although I have not been  
275 provided with the levels of the drugs identified, I am not aware that there is any indication  
276 to suggest that the deceased's collapse was a direct result of the action of either a  
277 therapeutic or illicit drug.
- 278 13. I understand that there is independent laboratory evidence that the deceased was exposed  
279 to Novichok and that it is considered that this was through a dermal route.
- 280 14. Thus, I am of the opinion that the clinical presentation in terms of the signs and  
281 symptoms, as well as the in-life laboratory tests and the tests and reports received  
282 following the autopsy examination all support that Dawn Sturges did not collapse or die  
283 from a natural medical event, an assault or the result of a therapeutic or illicit drug  
284 overdose but rather due to the complications resulting from a cardiac arrest caused by  
285 Novichok toxicity. Having been exposed to the nerve agent Novichok, which appears  
286 from the information I have been provided to have occurred through a dermal exposure  
287 route, and with the knowledge of the expected action of organophosphate nerve agents I  
288 would have expected Dawn Sturges to have deteriorated relatively quickly. It is  
289 documented that she first went into respiratory arrest and then asystolic cardiac arrest.  
290 Although CPR was successful and resulted in a ROSC, she continued to exhibit  
291 organophosphate toxicity post ROSC. Although her cardiac function did begin to show  
292 some improvement, she had sustained severe hypoxic brain injury which developed into  
293 an intracerebral haemorrhage. The intracerebral haemorrhage then extended into the vital

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294 cardiorespiratory areas of her brain. This was the final pathological process that, in my  
295 opinion, led to her death.

296 **CAUSE OF DEATH**

297 **Ia Post cardiac arrest hypoxic brain injury and intracerebral haemorrhage.**

298 **Ib. Novichok toxicity**

299 **INDEX OF UNUSED MATERIAL**

300 A list of Unused Material is provided within the full autopsy report.

301 **DECLARATION**

302 I, Guy Nathan Ruttly, declare that:

303 1. I understand that my duty is to help the court to achieve the overriding objective by giving  
304 independent assistance by way of objective, unbiased opinion on matters within my  
305 expertise, both in preparing reports and giving oral evidence. I understand that this duty  
306 overrides any obligation to the party by whom I am engaged or the person who has paid  
307 or is liable to pay me. I confirm that I have complied with and will continue to comply  
308 with that duty.

309 2. I confirm that I have not entered into any arrangement where the amount or payment of  
310 my fees is in any way dependent on the outcome of the case.

311 3. I know of no conflict of interest of any kind, other than any which I have disclosed in my  
312 report.

313 4. I do not consider that any interest which I have disclosed affects my suitability as an  
314 expert witness on any issues on which I have given evidence.

315 5. I will advise the party by whom I am instructed if, between the date of my report and the  
316 trial, there is any change in circumstances which affect my answers to points 3 and 4  
317 above.

318 6. I have shown the sources of all information I have used.

319 7. I have exercised reasonable care and skill in order to be accurate and complete in  
320 preparing this report.

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- 321 8. I have endeavoured to include in my report those matters, of which I have knowledge or  
322 of which I have been made aware, that might adversely affect the validity of my opinion.  
323 I have clearly stated any qualifications to my opinion.
- 324 9. I have not, without forming an independent view, included or excluded anything which  
325 has been suggested to me by others including my instructing lawyers.
- 326 10. I will notify those instructing me immediately and confirm in writing if for any reason  
327 my existing report requires any correction or qualification.
- 328 11. I understand that:
- 329 (a) my report will form the evidence to be given under oath or affirmation;
- 330 (b) the court may at any stage direct a discussion to take place between experts;
- 331 (c) the court may direct that, following a discussion between the experts, a statement  
332 should be prepared showing those issues which are agreed and those issues which  
333 are not agreed, together with the reasons;
- 334 (d) I may be required to attend court to be cross-examined on my report by a cross-  
335 examiner assisted by an expert.
- 336 (e) I am likely to be the subject of public adverse criticism by the judge if the Court  
337 concludes that I have not taken reasonable care in trying to meet the standards set  
338 out above.
- 339 12. I have read Part 19 of the Criminal Procedure Rules and I have complied with its  
340 requirements.
- 341 13. I confirm that I have acted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Experts.
- 342 14. I confirm that I have read guidance contained in a booklet known as *Disclosure: Experts'*  
343 *Evidence, Case Management and Unused Material* which details my role and documents  
344 my responsibilities, in relation to revelation as an expert witness. I have followed the  
345 guidance and recognise the continuing nature of my responsibilities of disclosure. In  
346 accordance with my duties of disclosure, as documented in the guidance booklet, I  
347 confirm that:
- 348 (a) I have complied with my duties to record, retain and reveal material in accordance  
349 with the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, as amended;

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- 350 (b) I have compiled an Index of all material. I will ensure that the Index is updated in  
 351 the event I am provided with or generate additional material;
- 352 (c) in the event my opinion changes on any material issue, I will inform the  
 353 investigating officer as soon as reasonably practicable and give reasons.

354 **EXPERT WITNESSES SELF CERTIFICATE**

355 Revelation of information  
 356 (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996)

357 Name of expert witness: Professor GN Ruty  
 358 Date of birth: Over 21  
 359 Business address: East Midlands Forensic Pathology Unit, University of Leicester,  
 360 Level 3, Robert Kilpatrick Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary,  
 361 Leicester. LE2 7LX

362 I have been instructed to provide expert evidence in relation to the prosecution of the above-  
 363 named, or an investigation into the following criminal offence:

364 I confirm that I have read the booklet known as Guidance Booklet for Experts - Disclosure:  
 365 Experts' Evidence, Case Management and Unused Material that has been given to me with  
 366 this form, and that I am aware of my responsibilities as an expert witness to reveal to the  
 367 Prosecution Team any information that might undermine my evidence.

368 **Personal Information**

- |     |    |  |    |
|-----|----|--|----|
| 369 | 1. | Have you ever been convicted of, cautioned for, or | No |
| 370 |    | received a penalty notice for any criminal offence |    |
| 371 |    | (other than minor traffic offences)?               |    |
| 372 | 2. | Are there any proceedings pending against you in   | No |
| 373 |    | any criminal or civil court?                       |    |
| 374 |    | Guidance Booklet for Experts                       |    |
| 375 | 3. | Are you aware of any adverse finding by a judge,   | No |
| 376 |    | magistrate or coroner about your professional      |    |
| 377 |    | competence or credibility as a witness?            |    |

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- 378 4. Have you ever been the subject of any adverse No  
379 findings by a professional or regulatory body?
- 380 5. Are there any proceedings, referrals or investigations No  
381 pending against you that have been brought by a  
382 professional or regulatory body?
- 383 6. Are you aware of any other information that you No  
384 think may adversely affect your professional  
385 competence and credibility as an expert witness?
- 386 Should you have any queries in relation to your answers to any of the above, please contact  
387 the investigator.
- 388 Please note that the questions above apply to any proceedings, findings or other relevant  
389 information in this or any other jurisdiction.
- 390 If you have answered **yes** to any of the questions numbered 1-6, please give details below.

391 **Declaration**

- 392 All the information I have given in this certificate is true to the best of my knowledge and  
393 belief.
- 394 I will notify those instructing me of any change in this information.
- 395 I am aware that any false or misleading information I have given in this document, or any  
396 deliberate omission of relevant information may lead to disciplinary or criminal proceedings.
- 397 *I confirm that I understand my duty is to the Court and that I have complied with that duty.*
- 398 *The information given within this report represents my understanding of the views, opinions and circumstances of this case based on the*  
399 *information that I have received to date, either in writing (all forms) or by oral communication. I recognise that in part this may reproduce*  
400 *or rely upon witness statements, oral communications or hearsay evidence of second parties and that the information given to me by others*  
401 *may or may not be factually correct at the time of my consideration.*
- 402 *I reserve the right to reconsider any aspect of this report should a significant typographical or grammatical error, or factual inconsistency,*  
403 *be identified that could be misinterpreted by a reader.*
- 404 *I also reserve the right to reconsider any aspect of this report should further factual information arise that contradicts the information*  
405 *provided at the time of the production of this report, upon which I have based my interpretations.*

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406 **Professor Guy N RUTTY**

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410 **INTERNAL CRITICAL CONCLUSIONS CHECK**

411 This report has been subjected to a Critical Conclusions Check in accordance with the Code of  
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413 available to me (paperwork) the examination described and the conclusions reached in this  
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