



JULIAN DEANS

DI (RETIRED)

**POLICE AND DRUG EXPERT
WITNESS**

EXPERT INFORMATION

Claimant age: All
Report turnaround 2-4 weeks
Face to face and remote appointments on a case by case basis
Home visits
Court attendance - Yes

REPORT RATIO




90% Claimant
10% Defendant

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CURRENT ROLE:

Intelligence Manager

The Pensions Regulator
(September 2022 - present)

Detective Inspector

Sussex Police
(March 2021 - September 2022)

Sussex Police

(September 1997 - September 2022)

CASES RELATING TO:

- Drug-related offences
- Covert and overt organised crime investigations Tackling the flow of heroin and crack cocaine Possession matters
- Complex conspiracy
- Drug related death
- The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- Cannabis
- Interpretation of text messages/mobile phone evidence
- Use of slang words in communication relating to criminal behaviour and/or drug-related offences

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE:

Mr Deans is a professional and highly experienced Police & Drugs Expert Witness.

Mr Deans has prepared hundreds of statements for the Courts, covering the testing of drugs, the actions of dealers and users, and has provided further evidence for use at Civil Court.

Mr Deans has completed the National Drugs Expert Witness Course; featuring input from academics and practitioners working in the field of drugs investigations, the course covered topics dealing with drug recognition, preparation & distribution methods, street & wholesale pricing.

He has supplied numerous reports to Magistrates, Crown and Coroners Courts covering drugs-related enquiries, ranging from simple possession matters through to complex conspiracies involving organised crime groups, as well as drug-related deaths.

He is affiliated to the National Drug Advisory Group for Police Drug Expert Witnesses and has attended courses with National Drug Expert Witness and National Drug Advisory Group for Police Expert Witness.




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POLICE EXPERIENCE:

Mr Deans has over 26 years' experience with Sussex Police. He has performed numerous roles at various ranks, the vast majority of these related to covert and overt organised crime investigations.

For a number of years, Mr Deans was tasked into tackling the flow of heroin and crack cocaine into the city of Brighton and Hove. Operation Reduction was set up in 2005 and was offered as best practice by the Home Office in 2012.

All heroin related deaths in Brighton & Hove for over 10 years came to Mr Deans to investigate due to his particular expertise and knowledge. This meant that on numerous occasions, Mr Deans liaised with bereaved families of those victims whilst also providing expert testimony to HM Coroners court.

In the later years of his career, Mr Deans was responsible for the management of police registered informants across Sussex. This gave a unique insight in to the methodology of criminals, including drug users and dealers. Mr Deans has received numerous Crown Court / Chief Constable Commendations for recognition of drugs-related investigations and expertise.

Mr Deans has made hundreds of arrests for drug-related offenses and has conducted hundreds of interviews with drug users and dealers alike. As a direct result of his expertise and intricate knowledge, he was asked to advise on the Brighton and Hove Drugs Commission in 2013.

He has provided numerous statements and given evidence at Magistrates / Crown and Coroners Court in simple possession cases through to multi million pound complex drugs cases. He has also been involved in a wide range of covert and overt tactics.

Operation Wildwood was a significant drugs investigation led by Mr Deans that was in excess of 130,000 pages of evidence and criminal benefit identified as over £12 million pounds of heroin. At the conclusion of the trial, where defendants received in excess of 100 years custodial sentences, HHJ Niblett commended Mr Deans for his leadership and his particular expertise, stating "for the past 20 years he has dedicated his working life to the protection of our community by seeking as far as within the power of the police to limit the flow of heroin on our streets".

Mr Deans has been involved with the Substance Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol Board for Brighton and Hove, specifically regarding New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).

He has attended numerous training courses to heighten his knowledge and skills, including a week-long residential course focusing on the synthesis of drugs.

Mr Deans is extremely passionate and dedicated, constantly enhancing his professional development and knowledge.