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Dr Julie Roberts has been employed as Scientific Lead and Team Leader for the Anthropology, Archaeology and Ecology Department at Cellmark Forensic Services since September 2010 and she is registered with the National Crime Agency as an Expert Advisor in Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology. She has over 20 years of experience working as a forensic anthropologist in the UK, specialising in the excavation and examination of decomposed, skeletonised, burnt and commingled human remains from scenes of crime and mass fatality incidents. She has also deployed to numerous other countries including Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Germany, France and Belgium, to assist with investigations into war crimes, terrorist incidents and unexplained deaths.

Julie is professionally certified by the Royal Anthropological Institute as a Level I Forensic Anthropologist, she is a Fellow of the Institute and a member of the Forensic Anthropology Committee of the RAI. Julie is Chair of the British Association for Forensic Anthropology, UK representative for Forensic Anthropology in the Interpol DVI Pathology and Anthropology Working Group, and a member of the Home Office Forensic Expert Group advising UK DVI on Forensic Anthropology. In addition to being a full-time forensic practitioner, Julie is a guest lecturer at Cranfield University and a lecturer and member of the examination board for the Academy of Forensic Science, based at the Queen Mary University of London. Research projects that she is currently involved in include; factors affecting DNA success rates in highly disrupted and commingled remains –evaluation of current practices at disaster sites and in the mortuary; Next Generation Sequencing in archaeological bone and the validation of anthropological techniques.