

## **DR RUSSELL WATE**

Russell is a very experienced, now retired senior homicide detective. He worked as the senior investigating officer in over 100 major crime cases, not only murders but also international kidnapping cases and large-scale paedophile enquiries.

He has received 14 commendations from judges and chief police officers for some of these cases.

He is best known both nationally and Internationally for his work on safeguarding but also in relation to the investigation into the deaths of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman - the two ten-year-old girls who were murdered by Ian Huntley in 2002.

He is also well-known both in the UK and abroad for his work relating to the investigation of child deaths and safeguarding children. He completed a doctorate where his thesis was on, 'The Investigation of Child Death: a balanced approach between sensitivity and the investigative mindset'. It has been published and read widely. He carries out safeguarding reviews on high profile cases around the country.

Russell is also the author of four crime novels 'The DCI Alexander McFarlane crime series' where his investigative knowledge, and his love of travel comes to the fore. He is frequently being asked to and carries out after dinner talks and training sessions on his investigative career and also how to write an authentic crime novel.