

- I am not an employee of The State Pathologist or the State Pathologist's Office.
- I am not an employee of the Northern Ireland Office.
- I am not an employee of the DPP and have no contract with the DPP.
- I am not employed by the police, nor have I ever been.
- In each case I report I have no knowledge of arrests or charges of any specific individuals. In the case of Robert Hamill, I do not remember having any contact with police. This point is also made at the end of my report
- Neuropathology is a highly specialised job. There are only a handful of Neuropathologists in the UK or Ireland with the expertise to give opinions in complex forensic neuropathology trauma cases. As far as I know most of them work for the NHS.
- My job in the NHS involves the diagnosis and management of neurological and neurosurgical disease for all patients in Northern Ireland. This includes the diagnosis and management of all patients who have a tissue diagnosis of a brain tumour. This is the job for which I am paid.
- A Forensic Pathologist investigates deaths and especially suspicious deaths. In most cases they do not need the expert opinion of a Neuropathologist. In some instances there are issues that the Forensic Pathologist feels is beyond their expertise and they seek advice.
- When there is a head injury or complex neurological disease they may seek advice from a Neuropathologist.
- In this current year I will be asked for advice on approximately 70 forensic cases from Northern Ireland. The majority of these cases involve complex neurological disorders, suspicious deaths or murders.
- Most cases take at least 10 hours to finish. One recent case from outside Northern Ireland took me 55 hours excluding court time to complete. This is on top of my NHS job.
- When asked for an expert opinion by The State Pathologist or any other doctor in Northern Ireland, for instance in the case of Robert Hamill, I do not charge for this work and do not receive any fee whatsoever. I am

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