

Summary of Qualifications and Experience of Allen Morgan MSc

1. My name is Allen Morgan and I am a Master of Science having obtained a Degree of Master of Science in Drug Use and Addiction from Liverpool John Moores University in 2005. I am a former police officer having served for fourteen years with West Mercia Constabulary and Merseyside Police, leaving the police service in 2006. For the majority of my police service I was involved in working directly with illicit drug users and suppliers, controlled drugs and in the investigation of offences contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.
2. I am extremely experienced in the compilation and review of evidential statements and files involving drug related offences and investigations from offences of simple possession through to complex conspiracy charges. I have presented both written and oral evidence on hundreds of occasions at Crown Courts throughout the country in hearings and trials involving offences contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act. I have also provided evidence of opinion as an expert in drugs investigations for West Mercia Constabulary and Merseyside Police.
3. I have been involved in both the organisation and management of numerous covert operations involving the investigation of drug trafficking offences. I have worked extensively around the United Kingdom assisting a wide variety of forces in drug supply investigations. These forces have included Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset, Warwickshire, West Mercia, West Midlands, Lancashire, Humberside and the Isle of Man.
4. This role has allowed to me to experience and witness first hand the interactions between both those who use drugs and those who engage in the supply of illicit drugs. I have directly witnessed the effects of the use of virtually all of the most commonly used illicit drugs on users.
5. The national basis of this work also allows me to comment on the many varying types of drug markets and networks that prevail across the United Kingdom from some of the countries largest cities and deprived areas through to rural districts.
6. The types of investigations that I have been involved in cover virtually every scenario in which illicit drugs are supplied and all of the most commonly used illicit drugs. During my career I have been involved in the investigation of offences ranging from possession and street level supply through to the importation of illicit drugs into the UK.

7. I initially served with West Mercia Constabulary where I spent five years in an investigative capacity working within the Criminal Investigation Department at Worcester. As part of my role as a member of a pro-active unit I was responsible for the research and execution of search warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act, stop searches for drugs and the arrest and interview of suspects engaged in the use and supply of controlled drugs.
8. In 1999 I joined Merseyside Police and between 2000 and 2004 I served with the Major Crime Unit as a specialist in covert drug investigations. This role exclusively involved the investigation of drug supply offences and providing specialist advice on drug related offences to investigation teams. I have worked across Merseyside and in particular in Liverpool where I gained considerable experience due to the cities prominent position as one of the main hubs for drug distribution and trafficking outside London in the UK.
9. In 2004 I worked on a multi-agency project addressing substance misuse related offending amongst persistent and prolific offenders. The project involved working closely alongside Substance Misuse Workers and members of the National Probation Service providing intensive one to one supervision, treatment plans and case management of problematic drug users. The emphasis and philosophy of this role was very much towards treatment and harm reduction rather than enforcement and gave me a considerable insight into the wider issues and complexities of substance misuse within society.
10. In 2005 I became an Area Intelligence Officer which is a specialist role involving the gathering of intelligence on a wide variety of offences. The vast majority of this intelligence related to the supply and distribution of illicit drugs. My specific role allowed me to obtain an overview of the use and supply of all of the most commonly used illicit drugs, the methodology, terminology and prices from a wide variety of sources not only within Merseyside but further afield as drugs were distributed nationally. The role involved regular liaison with officers involved in drug enforcement locally and nationally.
11. I have been commended six times by Chief Constables from across the UK including Avon & Somerset, Lancashire and Humberside as well as Merseyside for my involvement in large-scale drug supply investigations. In 2004 I was a member of the team which won a nationally recognised Home Office Justice Award from the Prime Minister, Mr. Blair and the Baroness Scotland for my involvement in a drug supply investigation conducted with Humberside Constabulary. I was subsequently commended by His Honour Judge Mettyear at Kingston upon Hull Crown Court for my role in that investigation.

12. I have delivered training on drug use, misuse and legislation on a national basis for a number of police forces and also military personnel. Between 1998 and 2004 I was responsible for the training and assessing of hundreds of officers in my capacity as a specialist in covert policing techniques.
13. I regularly lecture on issues surrounding illicit drug use to universities and higher education establishments. I have also conducted a number of presentations on drug related matters highlighting the nature and extent of drug trafficking around the UK to audiences including the former Home Office Minister responsible for policing Mr John Denham, Members of Parliament, the Home Office Policing Standards Unit and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.
14. I have been trained in the identification of a variety of controlled drugs by the Forensic Science Service utilising Home Office approved drug testing kits.
15. In 2005 I obtained my Masters degree in Drug Use and Addiction from Liverpool John Moores University. As part of my dissertation I have conducted research into drug use/misuse at a national level within the United Kingdom.
16. I have studied the psychopharmacology of a wide variety of drugs in order to understand their effects and actions from a physical and psychological effect. I have studied relevant literature and research on the nature of drug use, addictions, drug effects and treatment interventions.
17. I have witnessed illicit drug use first hand and seen the effects and after effects of using a wide variety of illicit drugs in a wide variety of settings. I have witnessed users of virtually every type of illicit drugs using their drug of choice and the impact this has had on them in terms of physical effects, the effects of intoxication and also the effects on their physical and mental well-being through my work in covert policing roles.
18. I have attended numerous presentations, seminars and training days on a variety of drug related subjects run by law enforcement agencies and drug treatment agencies throughout my police career. During the course of my police career I have also had the opportunity to liaise with law enforcement officers engaged in drug enforcement from Holland, Belgium and Turkey gaining an insight into drug trafficking on an international basis.
19. I have had numerous articles on drug-related issues published in national publications aimed at professionals working within the drugs field. I have provided comment on drug related issues on a number of radio programmes.

20. My roles have provided me with an opportunity to understand drug trafficking techniques as they have evolved, both locally and nationally and understand and monitor the changes in the value of drugs over a considerable time span. This broad range of knowledge has been gathered not only through my own academic research but through extensive experience and contact with a wide variety of professionals. This included regular liaison with members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, National Crime Squad (now both amalgamated to form the Serious Organised Crime Agency, Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, Forensic Science Service and the Crown Prosecution Service.
21. My previous roles have involved the examination of drugs paraphernalia and controlled substances in their many forms. I am familiar with the prices of all the commonly available controlled drugs and the prices at which they are offered for sale at the various distribution levels from 'street' level through to importation, so far as it is possible to do so. This familiarisation also includes knowledge and interpretation of terminology and slang utilised by users and suppliers when referring to controlled drugs and associated articles.
22. Through my general research interests in the drugs field I endeavour to remain appraised of much of the social, sub-cultural and political literature involving the importation, manufacture, supply and use of controlled drugs. Since leaving the police I remain in close contact with professionals, users accessing treatment and research within the drugs sphere to remain appraised of current developments.