



Is the role of the expert witness irrelevant in the justice system?

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Criminal prosecutions often involve expert evidence. Five years ago, Justice Secretary Michael Gove, now Minister for the Cabinet Office, declared the British people had had enough of experts. At Inside Justice, we disagree but we are only too aware of cases where expert evidence has been misunderstood as well as cases of wrongful conviction ultimately resolved by expert evidence.

This talk will look at a selection of cases which relied on expert evidence and invite you too to share any cases where you believe the courts didn't get it right.



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