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I welcome this initiative and the open call for interested parties to make a recommendation on how to improve the courts under the various themes as identified. Whilst, I cannot comment on all of them I would like to express my opinion on the development of the Judicial skills. I understand this to mean the training and development of the judiciary.

Forensic Science is a very complex and it's not just about producing analytical test results but how the results are interpreted in the context of the case background information. Over the years there has been a general move for scientists to assist the courts by been more clear in the interpretation of the case findings and to

demonstrate to the court what they mean in the context of the case.

A number of years ago Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) convened a very successful evening conference, covering developments in Forensic Science, something like this could be repeated with further workshops.

My suggestion is to improve the education and training of all judges and barristers, by upskilling them in the area of Forensic science . The area that maybe of most benefit currently is how the findings are interpreted in the context of the case.

To summarise I would recommend that a training program is put in place on all aspects of Forensics including how the findings are evaluated in the context of any given case. This could be in the form of seminars, workshops etc

If you wish to explore this further I can be contacted on [REDACTED]

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