



## Stuart Sutton

**Position**  
Solicitor

**Practices**

- [Criminal Defence & Serious Crimes](#)
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Stuart has been in practice since 1987 and has throughout most of that time been involved in defending clients [accused of sexual offences](#), be they against individuals or internet crimes.

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He has acted for clients who have been charged with sexual assaults, rape, offences against children, making pornographic images and related crimes. He has a nationwide practice and divides his time between our Manchester and London offices, where he meets with his clients to take instructions and prepare documents.

He has acted for, amongst others, members of the three largest Foster Carer organisations, when their members have been accused of sexual (and other) misfeasance against the children in their care and clinicians and medics who have not only had to face criminal charges but also Fitness to Practice (FTP) proceedings brought by their Regulator.

Stuart has an outstanding record of defending [clients charged with sexual offences](#), with more than 90% of the clients he has defended since November 2000, having been found not guilty. The quality of the documents he has produced for the court, in particular, Defence Statements, have been commented upon by Judges and Prosecutors alike. Indeed, there have been occasions when, having produced the Defence Statement, the prosecution have offered no evidence against Stuart's client shortly afterwards.

Stuart's work ethic is based on client care. He endeavours to make himself available to clients at all times, no matter where he may be. Stuart has acted for clients who have paid privately for representation or who have the backing of Legal Expenses Insurance (LEI). Many people do not realise when charged with a criminal offence, they do not have to instruct the solicitor their LEI provides. Indeed, the solicitors recommended by

the insurers are not necessarily the best or most experienced in their field. However, they may be the cheapest.

Paragraph 6 of the LEI Regulations 1990 expressly states that 'the insured (YOU)' , has the right to choose the solicitor that YOU believe will best serve their interests. Therefore, if you have LEI, say for example, you are a foster carer, nurse, doctor, nursery nurse and so on, and you need legal representation regarding an alleged offence committed in the course of your duties, you can choose Stuart/Tuckers to represent you. All the solicitor has to do is agree terms with the LEI provider. As Stuart has acted for numerous clients within the context of LEI, he is known to the majority of providers and knows the charging rates they will find palatable should you instruct him.

Stuart, together with his colleagues in the Serious Crime Department can assist you at all stages from an interview with the police to the Crown Court Trial. Similarly, as regards Fitness to Practise (FTP) proceedings, Stuart has represented clients before the GMC, HCPC, GOsC, GCC, NMC and others. He also advises clients (again, sometimes LEI funded) who require assistance in making representations to the Disclosure and Barring service (DBS, formerly ISA) when it is suggested that their name be placed on the Barring List, barring them from working with children and/or vulnerable persons.

### **See Stuart's Articles:**

- [Historic Sex Abuse - Your Questions Answered](#)
- [Why is it Vital to Instruct the Best Lawyer to Defend you at the Beginning of a Sexual Allegations Case?](#)
- [Council Vicariously Liable for Foster Care Historic Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Historic Sexual Abuse Allegations](#)
- [Criminal Defence for Foster Carers in the UK](#)
- [How Not To Defend a Sexual Offences Case in the UK](#)
- [Darknet Sexual Offences: An Overview of the Law in the UK](#)
- [P2P File Sharing and Indecent Images: An Overview of the Law in the UK](#)
- [Sexual Offences: An Overview of the Law on 'Consent' and 'Reasonable Belief'.](#)
- [Wrongly or falsely accused of a sexual crime in England or Wales](#)
- [Operation Notarise](#)
- [Defendant Anonymity in Sexual Offence Cases](#)
- [A New Vision for Victims, But Are Defendants Being Left Out in the Cold?](#)
- [Review of Sexual Offence Investigation Evidence & Forensic Strategy](#)
- [Abuse of Position of Trust & Sexual Offences.](#)
- [The NSPCC's Report on Child Abuse: A Criminal Defence Perspective](#)

- [Fitness to Practise & Professional Conduct;](#)
- [Healthcare Professionals - Fitness to Practise Representation \(HCPC, GMC, GCC\)](#)
- [Risk Management for Clinicians](#)
- [Staying Within The Law - 5 Things Healthcare Professionals Should Be Most Aware Of](#)
- [Fitness to Practise & Criminal Convictions – Reforming Healthcare Professional Regulation](#)
- [NMC Fitness to Practise Representation and Defence](#)
- [Fitness to Practise and Sexually Motivated Behaviour](#)
- [Regulating the Teaching Profession](#)
- [Mobile Phone Driving Penalties Increased](#)
- [Mobile Phone Usage Whilst Driving](#)
- [Driving Offences Defence Solicitors, Bury](#)
- [Specialist Speeding Offence Solicitors in Manchester, Birmingham, London](#)
- [Specialist Totting Up Defence Solicitors in Manchester, Birmingham, London](#)
- [The Law on Causing Death by Dangerous Driving in England & Wales](#)
- [The Law on Drug Driving in England & Wales;](#)
- [Drink Driving Breathalyser Tests & Evidential Specimens: Special Reasons for Committing the Offence of Refusing to Give a Sample](#)
- [Sexual Offences & Criminal Defence in England & Wales;](#)
- [Accountancy Regulatory Investigations & Discipline: Defending Against Allegations of Professional Misconduct](#)
- [Spotlight on Sexual Abuse in Football Clubs in the UK](#)

## **Testimonials for Stuart**

I approached Stuart after I had been arrested and interviewed in relation to sexual allegations. From the outset he exuded a confidence and a familiarity with the situation. He knew exactly what was going to happen over the coming months.

When we met he was friendly yet professional and realistic. He was painstaking in ensuring he had taken detailed instructions from me, and wasted no time commencing the process of speaking to others and gathering evidence to build our case. He works proactively and relentlessly.

It is amazing just how accessible Stuart is. He seems to work all hours and makes himself eminently available to his clients. Even if he is busy, he gets back to you as soon as he can.

Stuart is a professional solicitor not a therapist, but I think he knows that part of his job is to keep the client's head up, and he does it very well. It helps that he can make anybody laugh, even in the darkest hours. He has a jovial and relaxed manner, but beneath it he is sharp and determined to get the right outcome for his client.

In the end, working together with Counsel, we secured a judgement of "no case to answer" resulting in an automatic "not guilty" verdict. I am convinced that Stuart's work helped us to get this result rather than having to go all the way to a jury decision. The crucial advantage seemed to me to be that we had prepared in painstaking detail and knew the case inside out; this is what Stuart is a master of.

I would have no hesitation whatsoever recommending Stuart as a solicitor.

Stuart's tireless work for his clients garners lavish praise. The testimonials below are just a handful of the comments we have received:

"Whilst undergoing the terrible shock and despair of being falsely accused of a historic offence, my wife and I found Stuart by searching the internet and we must say it is the most important decision we have ever made to instruct Stuart as our Solicitor in this matter.

Right from the beginning Stuart has been so reassuring, absolutely professional and we have never seen anybody as hardworking as he has proved to be, and whatever time of day or night Stuart has been there for us.

Having absolutely no experience or understanding of police processes, court procedures or anything at all like this, Stuart has had to guide us every step of the way and he has produced and compiled a solid and logical defence strategy which proved to be totally successful.

Stuart recommended we appoint Mr Chris Dunn as our Barrister who has also been fantastic. As a team Stuart and Chris have proved invaluable. Chris was able to use Stuart's information to the full and indeed Chris himself was brilliant in the courtroom, being able to think on his feet very quickly and change tact where necessary - picking up on anomalies and false statements by the complainant. Chris' closing speech summed our case up perfectly resulting in a unanimous "non guilty" verdict by the Jury in just 40 minutes.

We cannot thank both Stuart and Chris enough for all of their efforts in our behalf. We are so pleased and grateful that right at the very beginning we found Stuart and decided to instruct him - he has been a lifeline and source of strength for us during what we can say has been the worst time of our lives.

We would positively and highly recommend both Stuart and Chris.

Thank you."

"Faced with the horror of an unfounded claim of historical sexual assault against a family member, I faced the terrifying prospect of a criminal trial and a lengthy prison sentence if found guilty.

From the first contact with Stuart Sutton, he provided calm, reassuring support. During many dark moments Stuart helped me to deal with the case against me as it developed. On no occasion did he give me false hope – no-one could predict the outcome with 100% accuracy – but he encouraged me to retain a positive outlook and remain confident that justice would prevail.

One should not underestimate Stuart. Beneath the casual demeanour and easy-going style of verbal communication is a man who works tenaciously and tirelessly to scrutinise every minute detail of the case so that a robust defence is formed. During the 8 months leading up to my trial, I have had conversations with him at all hours of any day from 6am to 10pm. That easy-going style enables him to develop relationships with all relevant parties in order to tease out what might, at first glance, appear to be irrelevant details but which may ultimately have a significant impact.

Before the jury verdict, I was happy to tell him that, whatever the outcome, I was immensely impressed and extremely satisfied with the excellent job of work that he and his team had done. Ultimately, the jury took less than 45 minutes to reach unanimous not-guilty verdicts on all three counts.

I have absolutely no hesitation in whole-heartedly recommending the services of Stuart Sutton to anyone who finds themselves in the unthinkable hideous position of facing unfounded criminal charges.

Stuart and I elected to appoint Mark Kelly (Barrister) to act as my advocate when I was charged with three counts of historical sexual abuse. Between them, they worked tirelessly to build an extremely robust defence case. They were only able to do this by gaining a thorough understanding of me, my answer in relation to the charges and my personal circumstances. More than that, from our very first meeting, they were preparing me for the trial when I would give my evidence and face cross-examination. It was only after the trial that I realised why they had been so thorough, almost pedantic, in the preparation of my defence statement. It was this defence statement, and the subtle way that they ensured I had an intimate understanding of not just the content but the underlying nuances that resulted in me being able to deliver my evidence in such a confident manner –.

Between them, Stuart and Mark make a formidable team. I have absolutely no hesitation whatsoever in recommending their services to anyone who ever finds themselves in such a position as I did.. Whatever the result was to be, I do not believe they, or anyone else, could have done any more. I am, and always will remain, incredibly grateful and indebted to this remarkable pair of professionals."

*"Thank you for all your help getting my through the case, from your phone calls in the weeks beforehand and your calming no-nonsense manner during the two days we were together. You'll remember that I spent a day at GOsC totally unrepresented in July last year, which I found to be a terrifying experience, so having you there to guide me though the process was very reassuring indeed. I have never heard of a solicitor going for a McDonalds with a client, but by doing that you really took my mind off things"*

"Should you ever need a solicitor for such matters in the field which Stuart deals with, this is the man. Stuart has a strong legal brain and a full understanding of the law and legal system, he will never shocked at whatever the problem is, you can be frank, talk in your own language and not fear he will be upset, disgusted or shocked.

To anyone who requires the services of a solicitor who you need to trust, Stuart is the person to go to."

"Stuart is a very rare professional, his insight, knowledge and client support has been beyond exemplary. He is quite simply a gifted individual with a work ethic that is second to none. If you are in need of help from his profession, he is absolutely the man you need." Mr S. P.

"I contacted Stuart Sutton after my arrest on a serious criminal charge. It was the first time I had been in trouble with the police, and I was very frightened and stressed by the whole ordeal. In Stuart, I found a consummate professional. He was at the same time very reassuring, while guiding me through the process and explaining clearly and thoroughly the options and the likely outcomes. He had a thorough appreciation of his brief but never lost sight of the human element. I shall always be grateful to him for his help and support." Mr S..., Malvern

" from the very first phone call I felt reassured by Stuart Sutton- by his upbeat demeanour and positivity. All through my case his unswerving drive, focus, absolute attention to detail, reassurance and utter professionalism both won me over and ultimately won my case. I cannot thank him enough for giving me the strength to keep going when I thought I was falling. the man is a lifesaver !"  
'Mrs B..Essex'

"We are very fortunate to have had a very competent and professional solicitor to guide us through this, but what is just as important is you have shown us your understanding and care".

"I want to thank you for what you have done for me, however how can that one word, 'thank you' express how I feel as regards the fact you have, to all intents and purposes **'saved my life'**."

"Leaves no stone unturned in his pursuit of evidence in an attempt to **'prove'**, his client's innocence".

"This man is tireless, seems to work every hour of every day of every year and is available in one way shape or form no matter where he happens to be (that includes on holiday in various parts of the world)".

"Passionate, hard-working, caring, understanding, knowledgeable, polite, funny, determined and above all a bloody good lawyer".

"I was introduced to Mr Stuart Sutton by British Osteopathic Association (BOA). Straight from the beginning Stuart wanted to get into the root of the matter and help to resolve it, he was quite caring and helpful and very supportive right from the beginning. What is great about Stuart is that he is a perfectionist and pays attention to each and every detail and he wants to win. He has a great sense of humour which is fantastic during hard times... He has a great personality... I highly recommend him and I shall always use him and/or seek his advice when I require legal and professional work done. THANK YOU SO MUCH again for all your help and support."

"Being completely naive of any crown prosecutions R could only have faith in yourself. You have made yourself available, provided empathy and understanding of what impact a guilty verdict would have in relationship to R's employment and future. After speaking to you on many occasions R was always much happier and felt more at ease."

*As the case has been dropped we can now move on with our lives and make future plans and for this we can only thank you. Should anyone require your assistance they can be assured and have peace of mind that their case will be handled proficiently by yourself."*

*"Thank you very much for the superb help you gave me throughout one of the most difficult periods i have had to deal with. I know how busy you were, so i really appreciated the time and effort you spent with me. The support from yourself was the only thing keeping me sane and feeling upbeat, and, as you know, I had a very hard time understanding and remembering the concepts you were installing into my mind before the court case, but in hindsight these were superb grounding processes that made me feel at ease.*

*Thanks to you i will be able to continue working once more with my head held high and feeling totally vindicated that my innocence was never in question. You are the kind of unique individual that makes a difficult career choice seem simplistic, and your professional supportive style helps keep the individual you are representing level headed, for this i thank you from the bottom of my heart."*

*"If you need someone to come into your life and fight your corner, who meticulously understands you professionally and personally you need Stuart Sutton an Advocate with an edge due to his criminal law work. You will be in safe hands. I highly recommend Stuart.*

*Thank you Stuart for saving my life."*

*"I recently faced receiving a lengthy [driving ban](#) and losing my business after I foolishly and naively failed to provide a specimen of breath with suspicion of having driven. This devastation was totally avoided when I took the decision to instruct Tuckers Solicitors. Myself and my family would hereby like to personally and sincerely thank Stuart Sutton of Tuckers for his strong traditional approach and exemplary all-round service in arguing special reasons and getting me just 5 points on my licence and a £250 fine. Total dream outcome! I cannot recommend Tuckers highly enough."*

*"A very big thank for all the hard work that you did on my case, you would not let go of any little bit of information that was given to you. If you had not been on the ball at all times the verdict would have been very different. I thank you again and would like to thank [Mark Kelly](#) as well you make a great gifted team. All the very best and take care of your self"*

*"When you are challenged in your professional career it can be a very stressful time. Stuart Sutton and his team have been nothing but excellent throughout my ordeal. Never judgemental or dissuading, just positive and factual. By always being approachable, down to earth and able to see logic when all around are loosing theirs, it was comforting to know that Mr Sutton was on my team. I wish them all the best for the future and am truly indebted to them".*

*"Simple words alone cannot express the degree of gratitude we would like to convey to you. From the first contact we knew we had found someone who would help to guide, steer and support us through what was going to be a very long and difficult period for the whole family.*

*You worked tirelessly and diligently to clearly and precisely develop a very clear and incisive case. You are great at listening, Your combination of hard nosed honesty,*

*professionalism, your caring attitude and humour always seemed appropriate whatever the situation.*

*Thank you for everything. - Mr L - Midlands"*

*I have been fortunate to meet the wonderful Stuart Sutton who supported me through every moment of a recent PCC. He is awesome !! a true lifesaver  
His commitment, positivity and attention to every single case detail is remarkable and I was truly blessed to have him on my side.*

*Thank you so much I don't know how to thank you enough you are a great man with a great mind.*

*From the very outset of his instructions to represent me, he has been truly outstanding. I could have easily mistaken him for a clinician, as he made himself fully aware of practices, procedures, and protocol. This is clearly a man who shows extreme commitment to his clients, as well as empathy and well needed humour at the right time.*

*- Mr S. - Midlands*

*"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the patience and understanding you have shown me and for the boundless resilience and wealth of knowledge that you have applied. I would recommend you to anyone in need of help in the face of great adversity".*

*"Thank you for everything you have done over the last 17 months. You have been amazing and brilliant and I can't express my gratitude enough. The work you did for me was incredible and you have my utmost respect. It has been by far the toughest time of my life and I struggled with it a lot but you kept me sane and got me through it".*

*"After a less than confident experience with my first solicitor when my case was raised, my daughter found Stuart Sutton by means of a web search. From the outset he was reassuring, thorough and readily available to sort the case to its ultimate positive conclusion. I can endorse other comments made here. Thank you Stuart."*

*-Mr P - Gloucestershire*

*"I would like to thank you for the truly magnificent job and meticulous preparation of my defence case. You also made a superb choice of Barrister. I am most impressed with the way the case was handled. A unanimous not guilty verdict in less than half an hour. Brilliant!"*

*"Stuart's real value is twofold. You don't realise it at first but his ability to capture tiny details and bring them out in the appropriate way is critical to the scope of a defence and therefore its potential for success. Secondly, his confidence and quick thinking in the early stages of the legal process saved us from a potentially debilitating restriction to my family which cannot be underestimated. Unreservedly recommended."*

*"Thank you Stuart and the whole Special Casework Department for getting us through one of the toughest experiences of our life. Your positive attitude and support have kept us going. You and Mark Kelly make a great, hard working and professional team, and produced the successful outcome we were hoping for!"*

*"I'd like to thank you for all the service you have given me and being so honest and*

*forthright. You are a good person and one I will always respect. I can't thank you and your firm enough for your valuable service and would recommend you to any person in a similar situation."*

*"It was a very daunting experience, something I wouldn't wish on anyone. Thank you for your patience, as I am not fluent in English I struggled to express/communicate the way I wanted to which was very frustrating for us and you..*

*We would not hesitate to recommend you to others"*

*"You were born for your craft and your support was amazing"*

*"Thank you so very much for all you have done for XX and our family. We are all so very grateful to you for your expertise, dedication and kindness you have shown XX and myself. "*

*"When the letter dropped on the mat my world crumbled. With a partner and young children I had a vision of losing everything, then shame hit me. I had no idea who or why I had been accused of this terrible thing. I immediately felt lost and scared, there was no one I felt I could speak to. After a sleepless night I pulled myself together and googled for a lawyer who could help with the horrible words on the top of the letter and etched in my mind. I found 3 lawyers I thought could help me and started to contact them. The first one wanted to charge me a fee just for an initial chat which left 2. The first lawyer I spoke to seemed empathetic and competent and I made an appointment to see him on the Monday. I spoke to Stuart on the Friday and immediately cancelled the appointment. Stuart wasn't empathetic but a realist. However he knows his stuff about what can and should be said. A situation I explained he gave conflicting advice to the previous lawyer but he confirmed what I thought. That is when I knew I had the right lawyer. He also made me laugh which was the first time in a week it had happened. It was needed. Believe me you will think about nothing else, you cannot switch off but no matter what my questions were Stuart was there to answer and help. When he got the disclosure of my case from the Police he reviewed, told me to say "No comment" and that he felt he did not need to attend the interview with me. I valued his advice and did what he said. Yesterday I was fortunate to have gotten the "No Further Action" email from the Police, my life can finally restart after what has been the worse 4 months of my life. What really shocked me though was that today I got an email saying, I am getting a refund on some of my retainer. So not only did Stuart help get the matter dropped for me regarding these horrible allegations but he gave me a refund as well. How many lawyers can you say that about, not only is he supremely qualified but fair as well. The initial call to Stuart was the most valuable call I have ever made, it literally gave me my life back. Please, please, please do what I did and contact Stuart, make the first step back to getting your life back too."*

*"Both you and Chris (the barrister) have been the most amazing support and help throughout this very trying part of our lives. We wish to thank you both for believing in us and for all your hard work".*

*"Once again, thank you for steering us through this awful time. You have shown endless patience when answering my never ending list of questions. I will always be grateful. It's no exaggeration when I say we feel like we have got our lives back. You made us feel at ease which was not an easy task given the circumstances and we knew we were in very capable hands."*

## **Some of Stuart's Recent Case Results**

**February 2013 - R -v- Mr K (Exeter)**

Foster carer accused of multiple offences by multiple boys in his care. Prosecution withdraw from case following production of Defence Statement.

**R -v- Mr B (Harrow)**

Foster carer accused of sexual allegations by LAC. Prosecution offered no evidence following production of Defence Statement.

**January 2014 - R -v- Mr C (Woolwich)**

Mr C was the son of a foster carer who was accused by an LAC and her friend of inappropriate sexual behavior towards them. Acquitted on all Counts on a unanimous verdict.

**April 2014 - R -v- S (Bradford)**

Foster carer accused of sexual misfeasance towards a female LAC in his care, together with her friend. Unanimously acquitted after a trial.

**February 2015 - R -v- Mr L (Wolverhampton)**

Foster carer accused historically of sexual misfeasance. Acquitted unanimously.

**July 2016 - R -v- Mr K ( Woolwich)**

Accused historically of sexual misfeasance with this sisters. Argued doli incapax and first Complainant's case withdrawn. The second Complainant's case went to a jury and acquitted unanimously.

**September 2016 - R -v- Mr C (Snaresbrook)**

Accused by niece of sexual wrongdoing. Acquitted unanimously by a jury.

**October 2016 - R -v- Mr E (Birmingham)**

Mr E gave extra-curricular teaching assistance and ran a boys club. Accused by many and various boys of sexual wrongdoing. Main Complainant's case withdrawn before trial and after production of a Defence Statement. Mr E unanimously acquitted by a jury in relation to all other Counts.

**R -v- Mr O ( Stafford)**

Mr O accused of "making" indecent images of children. Defence of innocent recipient accepted by the Crown and case withdrawn before matter going before a jury and following the production of a Defence Statement.

**R -v- Mr K (Warwick)**

Accused of sexual misfeasance with foster child. Police failed to obtain CCTV footage of Mr K's journeys to and from work which could have proved when he was at work and when he was not and also failed to obtain information from his employer as to clocking in and out times. Unanimously acquitted by a jury.

**December 2016 - R -v- Mr C (Wood Green)**

Accused of sexual misfeasance by his niece. Forensic work in relation to diaries, photographs, family meetings and so on. All placed before a jury and acquitted unanimously thereafter.

**R -v- Mr R (Stoke)**

Mr R accused by two Complainants. One of rape (Prosecution withdrew case following Complainant giving no evidence) and one of indecent assault. Trial stopped at this stage and re-trial in relation to the sexual assault yet to be concluded.

**July 2017 - R -v- Mr R (Snaresbrook)**

Accused of sexual misfeasance by his former stepdaughter. Gathered lots of third party evidence in relation to the stepdaughter's family and background. Presented to the jury and acquitted unanimously.

**January 2018 - R -v- Mr P (Manchester)**

Mr P faced six Counts of making extreme images and indecent images of children. One Count dropped by the Prosecution prior to the case starting and the other five Counts were run on the basis of "innocent recipient". Unanimously acquitted by a jury.

**February 2018 - R -v- Mr R (Chester)**

Accused of historical sexual misfeasance against his niece. Gathered a great deal of evidence in relation to the niece and her family to show reason why she would want to make up allegations against Mr R. Unanimously acquitted before a jury.