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'Infallible' experts

In "Just an opinion" (18 April), Catherine Deveney outlined how expert evidence was no longer accepted as infallible in the English courts. Commenting on the case of Sally Clark, the mother wrongly jailed for murdering her two infant sons, she highlighted how the testimony of eminent experts had been "regarded as infallible because no-one else in the courtroom apparently has their level of expertise".

This belief is not confined to England, however, as was highlighted after the botched Marion Ross murder investigation in 1997 when my daughter, Shirley, was falsely accused of leaving a fingerprint at the murder scene. It seems as if the system's intuition is that all is well while my intuition, and the facts, point to a realistic possibility that my daughter was not alone in being wrongly identified by fingerprints.

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