

DAWN STURGESS KILLED BY DISCARDED NOVICHOK IN AMESBURY

Dawn Sturgess and Charlie Rowley were exposed in Amesbury in late June 2018 to Novichok concealed in a counterfeit perfume bottle discarded after the Salisbury attack. Sturgess died on 8 July 2018; Rowley survived after serious illness.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

COURT FINDING

A court, the European Court of Human Rights or a judicial public inquiry has found that Russia or its agents were responsible.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

The statutory Dawn Sturgess Inquiry chaired by Lord Hughes (report published 4 December 2025) found a direct causal link between her death and the GRU's attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal, that the Novichok was brought from Russia, and that the operation was authorised by President Putin.

LATEST

Inquiry report published 4 December 2025; Counter Terrorism Policing states the investigation into her murder remains ongoing and no one has been charged over her death.

SOURCES

A Dawn Sturgess Inquiry (official website, final report) · 2025-12-04

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B UK Counter Terrorism Policing – Salisbury & Amesbury Investigation · 2021-09-21

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/?p=1015>

C Bevan Brittan – Dawn Sturgess Inquiry final report published · 2025-12-04

<https://www.bevanbrittan.com/insights/articles/2025/dawn-sturgess-inquiry-final-report-published/>

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and publicly; raise it at the UN.
- Sanction the officers and units who ordered the operation, not only those who carried it out.
- Expel intelligence officers operating under diplomatic cover.

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