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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

Location details		Activity	Location code
Address Not Disclosed	Local contact Karen Smith	Forensic Testing: Firearms	A
Address Forensic Science Department Ridgepoint House Birmingham B8 2RU	Local contact Karen Smith	Forensic Testing: Body Fluids, Fingerprints, CCTV	B
Address PO Box 52 Lloyd House Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham	Local contact Karen Smith	Forensic Testing: Digital	C



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DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

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BODY FLUIDS and TISSUES	<u>Forensic Testing</u>	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 in relation to the Forensic Activities listed below. In addition, where compliance has been demonstrated for the related FSA specific requirements this is stated below at the relevant schedule entry.	A, B, C
Any Material	<u>Forensic Testing</u>	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human DNA examination and analysis 	B
	Searching for: - Blood	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visual examination low power microscopy chemical testing (see below) 	B
	Recovery and preparation, including for contingency purposes, for subsequent DNA analysis by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory of the following from searched materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood Cellular Material 	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010 and MCL-SOP-016) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> swabs and swabbing mini-taping 	B
Blood	Presumptive testing for Blood via detection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peroxidase Human Haemoglobin 	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMG (Leucomalachite green) KM (Kastle Meyer) OBTI 	B



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FIREARMS	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
Ammunition	Examination of discharged ammunition components to determine the number of guns used	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-3, 8 & 11) using: comparison microscopy	A
	Opinion and Interpretation The evaluation of features between recovered fired ballistic components	Documented in house methods as above using: - Personal experience - Reference Collections	A
	Examination of cartridges to determine if ammunition has been loaded into a firearm	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-3, 6 & 11) using: microscopy and comparison microscopy	A
	Opinion and Interpretation The evaluation of features on recovered unfired ammunition	Documented in house methods as above using: - Personal experience - Reference Collections	A
	Comparison of spent ammunition to suspect guns	National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NaBIS) methods (NABIS-OP-8 & 9) using: - IBIS Bullet Trax, - IBIS Brass Trax, - IBIS Matchpoint Plus	A
	Comparison of spent ammunition to suspect guns	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-3, 8, 10 & 11) using: comparison microscopy	A
	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of features on recovered fired ballistic components	Documented in house methods as above using: - Personal experience - Reference Collections	A
	Ammunition and component identification and legal classification	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-3, 6, 7 & 11) using: - Weighing - length measurement - use of known samples or standard reference data	A



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FIREARMS (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
	Firearm and firearm component part identification and legal classification (Firearms Act 1968)	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-4, 7 & 12) using comparison with known samples, reference standards and publications	A
	Firearm identification from class marks present on ammunition components	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP-3, 8 & 11) using comparison with known samples and use of reference databases.	A
	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of features between recovered fired ballistic components	Documented in house methods as above using: - Personal experience - Reference Collections	A
	Test Firing to generate test samples of ammunition for inclusion in the NABIS database	Documented in house methods (NABIS-OP- 1, 4 & 12) meeting the requirements of NABIS	A



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<p>MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS</p> <p>Fingermarks</p> <p>Any material which is capable of retaining friction ridge marks</p>	<p><u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)</p> <p>Enhancement of fingermarks, palm marks and plantar marks</p>	<p>The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friction Ridge Detail: visualisation and enhancement <p>Documented in-house methods using chemical and physical enhancement techniques (method numbers provided in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acid Dye Treatments -ethanol based (FDL SOP-007): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acid Black 1, - Acid Violet 17 - Acid Yellow 7 - Cyanoacrylate (CNA) Fuming (FDL-SOP-005) - Basic Yellow 40 ethanol based (BY40) (FDL-SOP-016) - 1,8-Diazafluoren-9-one (DFO) (FDL-SOP-003) - Physical Developer (FDL-SOP-011) - Ninhydrin (FDL-SOP-002) - Indandione (FDL-SOP-017) - Powder suspensions (FDL-SOP-009): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Titanium dioxide based - white - Carbon based -black - Iron oxide based - Powdering Techniques (FDL-SOP-010): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black granular powder - Aluminium flake powder - Magneta flake powder - Black magnetic powder - Green fluorescent powder - Green fluorescent magnetic powder 	<p>B</p>



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MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd) Any material which is capable of retaining friction ridge marks	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd) Enhancement of fingermarks, palm marks and plantar marks	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friction Ridge Detail: visualisation and enhancement Documented in-house methods using chemical and physical enhancement techniques (method numbers provided in brackets): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vacuum metal Deposition (FDL SOP 018) using:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Au (gold) / Zn (zinc)- Ag (silver)	B



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<p>MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd)</p> <p>Fingermarks (cont'd)</p> <p>Any material which is capable of retaining friction ridge marks (cont'd)</p>	<p><u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)</p> <p>Enhancement of fingermarks, palm marks and plantar marks (cont'd)</p>	<p>The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: Friction Ridge Detail: visualisation and enhancement</p> <p>Documented in-house methods using visual and lighting enhancement techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual Examination. - White Light and Filtered Sources (FDL-SOP-006). - High Intensity Light Sources (FDL-SOP-006): <p>Crimelite 82s Uv λ = 350-380 nm, Crimelite 8x4 Violet λ =395-425nm Blue λ =430-470nm Blue/green λ=450-510nm Green λ = 490-560nm Red λ = 600-660nm Infrared λ = 730-800nm Crimelite ML2 Violet λ =395-425nm Blue λ =430-470nm Blue/green λ=450-510nm Green λ = 490-560nm XLCrimelite Blue λ =420-470nm Blue/green λ=450-510nm Green λ = 480-560nm Orange λ = 570-610nm Laser - λ = 577nm CopperTree FITs Blue λ =445nm Green λ=520nm CopperTree TUS laser λ =365nm; 445nm and 532nm CopperTree laser λ =577nm</p>	<p>B</p>



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MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: Friction Ridge Detail: visualisation and enhancement	
Fingermarks (cont'd)		Documented in-house methods for imaging / digital capture (FDL-SOP-008) - Digital SLR (FDL-SOP008) - DCS5 (FDL-SOP-008) - DCS5 in UV, IR and reflectance mode - (FDL-SOP-006)	B
Developed fingerprint marks	Determination of the presence of friction ridge characteristics for the purpose of subsequent comparison	Documented in-house methods (FDL-SOP-004) using visual examination	B



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<p>FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL (cont'd)</p> <p>Finger and Palm (Non-Cadaver)</p> <p>Ten Prints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ink - Powder - Livescan 	<p>Analysis, comparison, and evaluation of Friction Ridge Detail as outlined below for the purpose of:</p> <p>Criminal Investigation Elimination Databases Identity Confirmation (DBS)</p> <p>Comparison with Ten Prints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ink - Powder - Livescan 	<p>Documented in house procedure (FB-WI-20) using visual manual techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fingerprint glass - Reference collections - Comparators (optical) - Computer screen - High Quality Printer - Ground Truth Database 	<p align="center">B</p> <p align="center">B</p>



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<p>FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL (cont'd)</p> <p>Finger and Palm (Non-Cadaver) (cont'd)</p> <p>Marks CSI/FEL Recovered Lifts from physical scenes CSI/FEL Photographs of marks from physical scene Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory Photographs of marks from physical items Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory Digital images of marks from Chem lab from physical items</p>	<p><u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)</p> <p>Comparison with Ten Print Ink Powder Livescan</p> <p>Analysis, comparison, and evaluation of Friction Ridge Detail as outlined below for the purpose of: (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal Investigation - Elimination Databases - Identity Confirmation (DBS) 	<p>Documented in house procedures (FB-SOP-003 and FB-SOP-004) using visual manual techniques: Fingerprint glass Reference collections Comparators (optical) High Quality Printer Mark enhancement software Corel PaintShop Pro</p>	B
<p>Ten Prints Ink Powder Livescan</p>	<p>Comparison with Marks CSI/FEL Recovered Lifts from physical scenes CSI/FEL Photographs of marks from physical scenes Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory photographs of marks from physical exhibits Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory digital images of marks from physical exhibits</p>	<p>Documented in house procedures (FB-SOP-003 and FB-SOP-004) using visual manual techniques: Fingerprint glass Reference collections Comparators (optical) High Quality Printer Mark enhancement software Corel PaintShop Pro</p>	B



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FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
Finger and Palm (Non-Cadaver) (cont'd)	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of the significance of any matching and non-matching features between sources of friction ridge detail as outlined in the above scope of accreditation.	Documented In-House methods using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal experience - database 	B
DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA	<u>Forensic Testing</u>	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video processing and analysis 	
Closed circuit CCTV	<u>Forensic Analysis</u>		
Digital Video Recorders	Capture and preservation of data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Export video (exporting files using CCTV system, copying via analogue or digital output) 	Documented in-house method(s) (DVIT-WI-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manual interaction with system and / or device - DVR Examiner (DVIT-WI-018) - A range of CCTV proprietary software players (DVIT-WI-018) - Networking - USB - Compact Disks - Digital versatile discs 	B
Digital Images/Video	Processing of digital images/video Production of digital stills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redaction - Annotation 	Documented In-house method(s) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ocean Systems Omnivore (DVIT-WI-013) - A range of CCTV proprietary software players (DVIT-WI-018) 	B



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DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video processing and analysis 	
Digital Images/Video	Processing of digital images/video Conversion of digital images/video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transcoding - Screen capturing - Digital data carving - Media file repair 	Documented In-house method(s) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Omnivore (DVIT-WI-014) - Matrox Convertor (DVIT-WI-014) - 010 Editor and Winhex (DVIT-WI-018) - Adobe Premier (DVIT-WI-021) The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice V2 FSA Specific Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital forensics 	B
Computers			
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hard disk drives - Solid state drives 	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTK Imager - X-Ways Forensics - Task Force - TX1 - Tableau T35u 	C
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memory cards 	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTK Imager - X-Ways Forensics 	C



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Computers and digital storage devices - USB flash drives	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: - FTK Imager - X-Ways Forensics - Task Force - TX1 - Tableau T8u	C
Computers and digital storage devices - CDs - DVDs	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: - EnCase - Tableau T8	C
Computers and digital storage Devices - Apple Mac-based computers	Bootable capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: - Digital Collector	C
Data associated with the following: - Microsoft Windows	Processing of data	Documented in-house methods (DAT-SOP-004) using: - X-Ways Forensics (DAT-WI-014) - Axiom (DAT-WI-016) - Laseri-X (DART-WI-004)	C
Data associated with the following: - macOS	Processing of data	Documented in-house methods (DAT-SOP-004) using: - Axiom (DAT-WI-016) - Inspector (DAT-WI-017)	C
Data associated with the following: - Microsoft Windows - macOS	Analysis of data - Keyword Analysis - Date/Timelining - Manual Bookmarking - File Data Filtering - Database Analysis - Application Analysis	Documented in-house method(s) (DART-SOP-001) using: - Axiom (DAT-WI-016)	C



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Data associated with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> macOS 	Analysis of data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyword Analysis Manual Bookmarking File Data Filtering Database Analysis Application Analysis Date/Timelining 	Documented in-house method (DART-SOP-001) using: Digital Inspector (DAT-WI-017)	C
Data associated with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Windows macOS 	Analysis of data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyword Analysis Manual Bookmarking File Data Filtering 	Documented in-house method(s) (DART-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> X-Ways Forensics (DAT-WI-014) 	C
Data associated with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Windows macOS 	Analysis of data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Data Filtering 	Documented in-house method (DART-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laseri-X (DART-WI-004) 	C
DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
Mobile phones			
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple iOS Android 	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GrayKey (DAT-WI-027) 	C
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple iOS Android Non-smartphone proprietary systems 	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XRY UFED 4PC UFED Touch3 Manual examination using Digital Camera 	C



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Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple iOS Android Non-smartphone proprietary systems 	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XRY/XAMN Physical Analyzer 	C
(U)SIM cards	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XRY 	C
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XRY/XAMN 	C
Memory cards associated with mobile phone handsets and tablets	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTK Imager 	C
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFED Physical Analyzer 	C



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DRUGS (and materials suspected of containing drugs)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
	Legal classification of controlled drugs (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)		
	Presumptive testing for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amphetamine - Methylamphetamine - Halogen ring substituted phenethylamines - Ring-substituted amphetamines - Methylenedioxyring substituted cathinones - Opiates 	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marquis reagent 	B
	Presumptive testing for: Cocaine	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acidified Cobalt Thiocyanate colour test 	B
Presumptive testing for: Ketamine	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using Spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modified Cobalt Thiocyanate colour test 	B	
Identification of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amphetamine - Cannabidiol (CBD) - Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) - Cannabinol (CBN) - Cocaine - Diamorphine - Diazepam - Ketamine - Methylenedioxymethylamphetamine (MDMA) - Methylamphetamine Methylmethcathinone	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-011) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GC-MS 	B	



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DRUGS (and materials suspected of containing drugs) (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
	Identification of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cocaine hydrochloride - Cocaine (base) - Diamorphine - Diazepam - Ketamine - Methylenedioxymethylamphetamine (MDMA) - Methylamphetamine - Methylmethcathinone (MMC) 	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-012) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTIR 	B
	Identification of additives and diluents commonly associated with drugs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benzocaine - Caffeine - Levamisole - Lignocaine - Paracetamol - Phenacetin - Procaine 	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-011) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GC-MS 	B
	Identification of additives and diluents commonly associated with drugs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benzocaine - Caffeine - Lignocaine - Paracetamol - Phenacetin - Procaine - Lactose - Boric Acid - Creatine monohydrate - Sodium bicarbonate 	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-012) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTIR 	B
	Identification of cannabis, cannabis resin and cannabis products	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-006) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual examination - Microscopy - GC-MS 	B



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DRUGS (and materials suspected of containing drugs) (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd) Identification of characteristically marked proprietary pharmaceuticals, illicit copies and other drugs products	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-001, DEL-WI-004) using visual comparison of appearance, markings and dimensions with reference materials, data collections and descriptions in authoritative texts	B
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