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### Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

#### Laboratory locations:

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



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**DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION**

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
BODY FLUIDS and TISSUES	<u>Forensic Testing</u>	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice in relation to the Forensic Activities listed below	A, B, C
Any Material	<u>Forensic Testing</u>		
	Searching for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Blood</li></ul>	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- visual examination</li><li>- low power microscopy</li><li>- chemical testing (see below)</li></ul>	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"><li>- Blood</li><li>- Cellular Material</li></ul>	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010 and MCL-SOP-016) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- swabs and swabbing</li><li>- mini-taping</li></ul>	B
Blood	Presumptive testing for Blood via detection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Peroxidase</li><li>- Human Haemoglobin</li></ul>	Documented in-house methods (MCL-SOP-010) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LMG (Leucomalachite green)</li><li>- KM (Kastle Meyer)</li><li>- OBTI</li></ul>	B



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FIREARMS  Ammunition	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Personal experience</li><li>- Reference Collections</li></ul>	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>Documented in-house methods using chemical and physical enhancement techniques (method numbers provided in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Acid Dye Treatments -ethanol based (FDL SOP-007):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Acid Black 1,</li><li>- Acid Violet 17</li><li>- Acid Yellow 7</li></ul></li><li>- Cyanoacrylate (CNA) Fuming (FDL-SOP-005)</li><li>- Basic Yellow 40 ethanol based (BY40) (FDL-SOP-016)</li><li>- 1,8-Diazafluoren-9-one (DFO) (FDL-SOP-003)</li><li>- Physical Developer (FDL-SOP-011)</li><li>- Ninhydrin (FDL-SOP-002)</li><li>- Indandione (FDL-SOP-017)</li><li>- Powder suspensions (FDL-SOP-009):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Titanium dioxide based - white</li><li>- Carbon based -black</li><li>- Iron oxide based</li></ul></li><li>- Powdering Techniques (FDL-SOP-010):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Black granular powder</li><li>- Aluminium flake powder</li><li>- Magneta flake powder</li><li>- Black magnetic powder</li><li>- Green fluorescent powder</li><li>- Green fluorescent magnetic powder</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>B</p>



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<p><b>MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd)</b></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>Documented in-house methods using visual and lighting enhancement techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual Examination.</li> <li>- White Light and Filtered Sources (FDL-SOP-006).</li> <li>- High Intensity Light Sources (FDL-SOP-006):</li> </ul> <p>Crimelite 82s Uv <math>\lambda</math> = 350-380 nm, Crimelite 8x4 Violet <math>\lambda</math> =395-425nm Blue <math>\lambda</math> =430-470nm Blue/green <math>\lambda</math>=450-510nm Green <math>\lambda</math> = 490-560nm Red <math>\lambda</math> = 600-660nm Infrared <math>\lambda</math> = 730-800nm Crimelite ML2 Violet <math>\lambda</math> =395-425nm Blue <math>\lambda</math> =430-470nm Blue/green <math>\lambda</math>=450-510nm Green <math>\lambda</math> = 490-560nm XLCrimelite Blue <math>\lambda</math> =420-470nm Blue/green <math>\lambda</math>=450-510nm Green <math>\lambda</math> = 480-560nm Orange <math>\lambda</math> = 570-610nm Laser - <math>\lambda</math> = 577nm CopperTree FITs Blue <math>\lambda</math> =445nm Green <math>\lambda</math>=520nm CopperTree TUS laser <math>\lambda</math> =365nm; 445nm and 532nm CopperTree laser <math>\lambda</math> =577nm</p>	B



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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
FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL			
Finger and Palm (Non-Cadaver)	Analysis, comparison, and evaluation of Friction Ridge Detail as outlined below for the purpose of:  Criminal Investigation Elimination Databases Identity Confirmation (DBS)		B
Ten Prints - Ink - Powder - Livescan	Comparison with Ten Prints - Ink - Powder - Livescan	Documented in house procedure (FB-WI-20) using visual manual techniques: - Fingerprint glass - Reference collections - Comparators (optical) - Computer screen - High Quality Printer - Ground Truth Database	B



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<p><b>FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL (cont'd)</b></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"> <li>- Criminal Investigation</li> <li>- Elimination Databases</li> <li>- Identity Confirmation (DBS)</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>- Personal experience</li> <li>- database</li> </ul>	B
DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA	<u>Forensic Testing</u>		
Closed circuit CCTV			
Digital Video Recorders	Capture and preservation of data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Export video (exporting files using CCTV system, copying via analogue or digital output)</li> </ul>	Documented in-house method(s) (DVIT-WI-003) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manual interaction with system and / or device</li> <li>- DVR Examiner (DVIT-WI-018)</li> <li>- A range of CCTV proprietary software players (DVIT-WI-018)</li> <li>- Networking</li> <li>- USB</li> <li>- Compact Disks</li> <li>- Digital versatile discs</li> </ul>	B
Digital Images/Video	Processing of digital images/video  Production of digital stills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redaction</li> <li>- Annotation</li> </ul>	Documented In-house method(s) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ocean Systems Omnivore (DVIT-WI-013)</li> <li>- A range of CCTV proprietary software players (DVIT-WI-018)</li> </ul>	B
Digital Images/Video	Processing of digital images/video  Conversion of digital images/video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transcoding</li> <li>- Screen capturing</li> <li>- Digital data carving</li> <li>- Media file repair</li> </ul>	Documented In-house method(s) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Omnivore (DVIT-WI-014)</li> <li>- Matrox Convertor (DVIT-WI-014)</li> <li>- 010 Editor and Winhex (DVIT-WI-018)</li> <li>- Adobe Premier (DVIT-WI-021)</li> </ul>	B



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Computers			
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hard disk drives</li> <li>- Solid state drives</li> </ul>	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FTK Imager</li> <li>- X-Ways Forensics</li> <li>- Task Force</li> <li>- TX1</li> <li>- Tableau T35u</li> </ul>	C
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memory cards</li> </ul>	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FTK Imager</li> <li>- X-Ways Forensics</li> </ul>	C
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USB flash drives</li> </ul>	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FTK Imager</li> <li>- X-Ways Forensics</li> <li>- Task Force</li> <li>- TX1</li> <li>- Tableau T8u</li> </ul>	C
Computers and digital storage devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDs</li> <li>- DVDs</li> </ul>	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EnCase</li> <li>- Tableau T8</li> </ul>	C
Computers and digital storage Devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple Mac-based computers</li> </ul>	Bootable capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method (DAT-SOP-001) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Digital Collector</li> </ul>	C
Data associated with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Microsoft Windows</li> </ul>	Processing of data	Documented in-house methods (DAT-SOP-004) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- X-Ways Forensics (DAT-WI-014)</li> <li>- Axiom (DAT-WI-016)</li> <li>- Laseri-X (DART-WI-004)</li> </ul>	C



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Computers (cont'd)			
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
Data associated with the following: - macOS	Analysis of data - 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: - Microsoft Windows - macOS	Analysis of data - Keyword Analysis - Manual Bookmarking - File Data Filtering	Documented in-house method(s) (DART-SOP-001) using: - X-Ways Forensics (DAT-WI-014)	C
Data associated with the following: - Microsoft Windows - macOS	Analysis of data - File Data Filtering	Documented in-house method (DART-SOP-001) using: - Laseri-X (DART-WI-004)	C



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<b>DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA (cont'd)</b>	<u>Forensic Testing</u> (cont'd)		
Mobile phones			
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: - Apple iOS - Android	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - GrayKey (DAT-WI-027)	C
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: - Apple iOS - Android - Non-smartphone proprietary systems	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - XRY - UFED 4PC - UFED Touch3 - Manual examination using Digital Camera	C
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: - Apple iOS - Android - Non-smartphone proprietary systems	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - XRY/XAMN - Physical Analyzer	C
(U)SIM cards	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - XRY	C
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - 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: - FTK Imager	C
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DAT-SOP-003) using: - 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"> <li>- Amphetamine</li> <li>- Methylamphetamine</li> <li>- Halogen ring substituted phenethylamines</li> <li>- Ring-substituted amphetamines</li> <li>- Methylenedioxyring substituted cathinones</li> <li>- Opiates</li> </ul>	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marquis reagent</li> </ul>	B
	Presumptive testing for: Cocaine	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acidified Cobalt Thiocyanate colour test</li> </ul>	B
	Presumptive testing for: Ketamine	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-007) using Spot test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modified Cobalt Thiocyanate colour test</li> </ul>	B
	Identification of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amphetamine</li> <li>- Cannabidiol (CBD)</li> <li>- Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)</li> <li>- Cannabinol (CBN)</li> <li>- Cocaine</li> <li>- Diamorphine</li> <li>- Diazepam</li> <li>- Ketamine</li> <li>- Methylenedioxymethylamphetamine (MDMA)</li> <li>- Methylamphetamine</li> <li>Methylmethcathinone</li> </ul>	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-011) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GC-MS</li> </ul>	B



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	Identification of - Cocaine hydrochloride - Cocaine (base) - Diamorphine - Diazepam - Ketamine - Methylenedioxymethylamphetamines (MDMA) - Methylamphetamine - Methylmethcathinone (MMC)	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-012) using - FTIR	B
	Identification of additives and diluents commonly associated with drugs: - Benzocaine - Caffeine - Levamisole - Lignocaine - Paracetamol - Phenacetin - Procaine	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-011) using - GC-MS	B
	Identification of additives and diluents commonly associated with drugs: - Benzocaine - Caffeine - Lignocaine - Paracetamol - Phenacetin - Procaine - Lactose - Boric Acid - Creatine monohydrate - Sodium bicarbonate	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-012) using - FTIR	B
	Identification of cannabis, cannabis resin and cannabis products	Documented in house method (DEL-SOP-006) using - Visual examination - Microscopy - GC-MS	B



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END			