

Job Description

Entry Level Forensic Scientist

Department	Forensic Laboratory Operations
Location	Abingdon/Chorley
Summary of Job	To undertake examination and DNA analysis of Forensic exhibits submitted to Laboratory Operations
Reporting Structure	Reporting to Forensic Laboratory Operations Team Leader
Essential Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training in the examination of Forensic exhibits and/or perform PCR/STR laboratory or interpretation analysis on Forensic samples following Standard Operating Procedures.• Working under close supervision, ensuring that quality, accuracy and safety standards are met.• Preparation of examination notes and record continuity details• Training in the receipt and logging of incoming samples/exhibits• Training in basic knowledge of expert witness, preparation of statements and giving evidence in court• Responding to routine and urgent enquiries to a high standard• Contribute to the effective day to day operation of the laboratory to maintain the general upkeep and high level of cleanliness of the laboratory
Job Requirements	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 'A' Levels, preferably Degree in a scientific or analytical discipline <p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some laboratory experience an advantage• Working in an environment where attention to detail is paramount <p>Technical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to work to Good Laboratory Practice• Understanding of Quality systems e.g. ISO• Knowledge of forensic laboratory processes and techniques• Knowledge of computers and ability to use databases <p>Non-Technical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent verbal communication and presentation skills• Professional demeanour

- Gravitas
- Ability to work in a team
- Accurate close and colour vision

Physical Demands

- This role requires good concentration, meticulous attention to detail, and accurate record keeping
- VDU Operation
- Sedentary sitting, walking and standing
- Must wear Personal Protective Equipment as required by site specific Standard Operating Procedures

Working Conditions

- Modern air conditioned laboratories and a computer workstation in a shared office
- Will be required to take part in out of hours and weekend working rota
- Occasional requirements to be on call for urgent work
- Possible exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens
- Occasional exposure to toxic or caustic chemicals
- Moderate noise level