



 FORENSIC ACCESS

**At the Heart of  
UK Forensic Science  
since 1986**

Forensic Access was originally established by highly qualified Home Office forensic scientists to provide proper advice and guidance to defence lawyers for a better balance of forensic science expertise at court, and second opinions for police in cases of uncertainty or concern. We have a track record of excellence having made significant contributions to many of the most high profile cases in the UK over recent years.

Deep cuts to forensic budgets have seen a dramatic reduction in scientific testing, with a far greater proportion of it performed by the police themselves. This has meant that in many cases, only the perceived minimum amount of testing takes place and the results of this work are not interpreted in a balanced way that fully takes into account the defence as well as the prosecution scenario. It is more important than ever that the prosecution work is reviewed by experienced and appropriately qualified forensic scientists to ensure that the right forensic tests have been carried out and that the results have been interpreted impartially having taken into account all of the available information.

Forensic Access remains a beacon of excellence in forensic science, and its original mission for the defence, is clearly more relevant today than ever.

## Dr Angela Gallop

Director of Forensic Science



### The Benefits of Instructing Forensic Access:

- We offer free initial consultation and advice and support at all stages
- You will receive a fully managed service: one phone call and we do the rest
- Our experienced Casework Managers understand the science and the Legal Aid process
- We provide a responsive, cost effective service and will meet your deadlines
- We cover all forensic disciplines providing a comprehensive and integrated service
- We work to Legal Aid rates
- We hold UKAS accreditation and all relevant insurance cover including £5,000,000 professional indemnity for any one claim.

## Forensic and Medical Expert Witness Services

	Criminal Law	Family Law	Wills and Probate	Property	Civil Litigation	Personal Injury	Immigration
Alcohol Technical Defence	✓						
Animal Forensics	✓					✓	
Audio Enhancement	✓	✓		✓			✓
Blood Pattern Analysis	✓						
Body Fluid Analysis	✓						
CCTV Analysis and Video Enhancement	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Damage	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Digital, Computers and Mobile Phones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DNA	✓	✓	✓				
Documents/ Handwriting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drugs	✓	✓					
Facial Recognition	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Fibres	✓						
Fingerprints	✓		✓	✓			✓
Firearms	✓						
Fires and Explosions	✓			✓			
Footwear	✓						
Glass and Paint Evidence	✓						
Hair Testing	✓	✓					
Injury Causation	✓	✓				✓	
Marks Enhancement	✓		✓	✓			
Medical	✓	✓				✓	
Odontology	✓	✓				✓	✓
Paediatric	✓	✓					
Pathology and Second Post-Mortems	✓						
Pharmacology	✓	✓					
Psychiatry and Psychology	✓	✓				✓	✓
Road Traffic Collisions	✓					✓	
Toolmarks	✓			✓			
Toxicology	✓	✓					
Voice Recognition	✓	✓		✓			✓

Our dedicated Casework Managers will support you at every stage ensuring a responsive, efficient and cost effective service that fully meets your requirements, ensuring you can provide the best possible service for your clients. They will handle your case from the initial free consultation through to the conclusion.



### **Debbie Rushton**

Head of Forensic Casework

Debbie is responsible for leading the Casework Team, supporting them in delivering an outstanding, start to finish service to our customers. She works closely alongside our highly skilled team

of forensic experts and continues to develop our breadth of disciplines to further assist our customers in often complex cases.

Having worked in Account Management across other divisions of the company, Debbie brings over 20 years' experience and oversees strategic planning alongside the management team in order to provide best in class, unbiased and comprehensive support to our customers.



### **Natasha Park**

Forensic Casework Manager

Tasha is one of our team of Forensic Casework Managers and has a wealth of legal, procedural and forensic knowledge having completed 18 years Police Service

in both Operational and Detective roles, specialising in Child Protection and Sexual Crime. As a Forensic Casework Manager, Tasha advises clients on their cases, sources appropriate experts and delivers a high-quality level of service throughout the process.



### **Elysha Sevier**

Forensic Casework Manager

Elysha is a very experienced member of our team of Forensic Casework Managers having joined the company in 2014. She has a wealth of forensic knowledge and also understands the legal aid system

allowing her to support our customers through each stage of the process ensuring that requirements are fully understood and delivered.



### **Lizzy Gunning**

Senior Forensic Casework Manager

Lizzy has been working in the legal profession since 2010. She is a fully qualified Paralegal, obtaining her ILEX qualifications with Distinctions, and holds Diplomas in both Legal Studies

and Forensic Science. Lizzy has extensive experience of working with private and legal aided clients, particularly within the fields of criminal and family law. In her previous roles, Lizzy regularly supported high level Barristers and Solicitors both in and out of Court.



### **Felicity Purvis**

Forensic Casework Manager

Since graduating in 2018, Felicity has progressed in roles requiring extremely high levels of communication and customer service. Alongside her tenacious approach in sourcing the

best experts for every case, Felicity's attention to detail results in a consistently high level of service, from the initial enquiry through to the report being delivered on time and within budget.



### **Ella Penny**

Forensic Casework Manager

Ella has been working in the forensics industry since 2018, having gained an early interest from work placements at LGC (now Eurofins) during her College years since 2012. Following completion

of her degree in Theology in 2018, Ella focused her ambitions and interests in developing a career in forensics. Ella's early career at Cellmark involved assisting Police investigation teams; managing many aspects of the exhibit submissions process and providing crucial support to Scientists and Police staff.

We also offer free CPD accredited seminars and awareness talks for your firm or Chambers. Please contact us for further information.

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