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1	Forensic Science Ireland (BLC)	Backweston Laboratory Campus, Stacumny Lane, Celbridge, Kildare, Ireland					

Scope of Accreditation

Forensic Science Ireland (BLC)

Forensic Testing

Category: A

Forensic field - Tests	Parameter	Matrix	Equipment/technique	Range of measurement	Std Ref/SOP
substances02 Chemical qualitative	Detection of non-Cannabis controlled drugs.	LSD	Thin Layer Chromatography, Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometry	Product limit of identification: LSD 16μg	FSIDTP607, FSIDTP406, FSIDTP401, FSIDTP403
		Narcotic Analgesics and Stimulants. Samples submitted as wraps or packages containing: powders, illicit tablets, samples of liquid, pharmaceutical preparations	Thin Layer Chromatographyy	Product limit of identification: Narcotic Analgesics Diamorphine = 1% Dihydrocodeine = 1% Methadone = 2% Morphine = 1% Oxycodone = 1% Stimulants Amphetamines = 1% Methylamphetamine = 1%	FSIDTP406
	Detection of non-Cannabis controlled drugs.	Ecstasy type compounds, Benzodiazepines and miscellaneous compounds. Samples submitted as wraps or packages	Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometry	Product limit of identification: Ecstasy type compounds MDMA = 1% MDEA = 1% Benzodiazepines:	FSIDTP401 FSIDTP403

		containing: powders, illicit tablets, samples of liquid, pharmaceutical preparations		Alprazolam = 3% Diazepam = 1% Flunitrazepam = 1% Flurazepam = 2% Nitrazepam = 2% Temazepam = 1% Miscellaneous Cocaine = 0.5% Ketamine = 1%	
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		Samples submitted as wraps or packages containing: powders, illicit tablets, samples of liquid, pharmaceutical preparations and edibles **1234	Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometry	Product limit of identification: Phenazepam = 1% Pyrrolidinovaler - ophenane (PVP) =1% Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP) = 1% 4-methylmethcathinone (4- Mephedrone) =3% Zopiclone = 4% Δ9-Tetrahydrocannabinol = 0.1%	FSIDTP301 FSIDTP302 FSIAP054 FSIDTP404 FSIDTP601 FSIDTS501
1201 Controlled substances - .04 Botanical comparison	Qualitative analysis of Cannabis and Cannabis products	Bulk Cannabis Resin Herbal Material Cannabis Plants	Microscopy	n/a	FSIDTP002
			Thin Layer Chromatography	n/a	FSIDTP001, FSIDTP406
1201 Controlled substances - .05 Identification of controlled substances	Detection of non-Cannabis controlled drugs.	Narcotic Analgesics and Stimulants. Samples submitted as wraps or packages containing: powders, illicit tablets, samples of liquid,	Visual Inspection	n/a	FSIDTP601

		pharmaceutical preparations			
1202 Toxicology01 Alcohol quantification	Alcohol quantification	Alcohol (Ethanol) quantitation in beverage samples	GC-FID (Gas Chromatography with flame ionization detector)	1-100%	FSIDTP201, FSIDTP202, FSIDTP205, FSIDTP207, FSIDTP208, FSIDTP211, FSIDTP212
		Blood Alcohol	GC-FID (Gas Chromatography with flame ionization detector)	5 to 400mg%	FSIDTP201, FSIDTP202, FSIDTP205, FSIDTP207, FSIDTP208, FSIDTP211, FSIDTP212
	Alcohol Technical Defence	Reporting Ethanol results from biological samples	UKIAFT guidelines v 2.1 Excel Spreadsheets: "Alcohol Back-Calculator" & "ATD Calculator"	As recommended by UKIAFT. See validation report attached	FSIDTP205
1202 Toxicology02 Alcohol detection	Alcohol identification	Alcohol (Ethanol) identification in beverage samples	GC-FID (Gas Chromatography with flame ionization detector)	n/a	FSIDTP215
		Blood alcohol	GC-FID (Gas Chromatography with flame ionization detector)	n/a	FSIDTP215
1202 Toxicology03 Drug identification	Screen and confirmation of Drugs of Abuse in Urine	Urine	LCMSMS	n/a	FSIDTP254, FSIDTP255, FSIDTP256, FSIDTP257, FSIDTS253
1203 Chemistry01 Comparison examinations (identification, qualitative, quantative)	Infra red identification/comparison of fibres	Polymers (including textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	Fourier Transform Infra Red (FT-IR) Analysis	n/a	FSICTP155

Microscopic comparison of fibres	Polymers (eg textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	Microscopic examination	n/a	FSICTP153
Micro-spectrophotometry of fibre samples	Polymers (including textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	Micro-spectrophotometry	n/a	FSICTP154
Opinions and Interpretation (inclusive of Evaluative Reporting) for Chemistry Cases *	Glass, fibre, footwear, paint and Firearm residue (FAR) cases	Pre Case Assessment, Examination strategy, Assignment of transfer/ persistence/recovery probabilities, Likelihood ratio	n/a	FSIAP109* FSICTP002* FSICTP013* FSICTS151* FSICTP162* FSICTP051* FSICTP250* FSICTP255* FSICTP206 FSICTP207 FSICTS209
	Paint cases	Pre Case Assessment, Examination strategy, Assignment of transfer/ persistence/recovery probabilities, Likelihood ratio	n/a *	FSIAP109* FSICTP206* FSICTP207* FSICTS209*
Paint comparison	Paint	Fourier Transform Infra Red (FT-IR) Analysis	n/a	FSICTP205
		Microscopic comparison of paints	n/a	FSICTP204
		Paint recovery and preparation	n/a	FSICTP201- FSICTP203, FSICTP163
Polarising microscopy of fibres	Polymers (including textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	Polarised Light Microscopy (PLM)	n/a	FSICTP156
Recovery and preparation of fibres for microscopic examination	Polymers (eg textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	Fibre recovery and preparation	n/a	FSICTP150, FSICTP151, FSICTP152

	Recovery of glass fragments	Glass fragments recovered from items compared with control/reference glass samples	Visual	n/a	FSICTP004
	Refractive Index Measurements		Refractive Index Measurements	n/a	FSICTP006, FSICTP005 and FSICTP008
	Surface characteristics using interference microscopy		Microscopy	n/a	FSICTP009
	Thermal history by annealing and remeasuring refractive index		Microscopy	n/a	FSICTP006 and FSICTP007
	UV-Visible Micro-spectrophotometry	Polymers (including textile fibres). Fibre identification and comparison	UV-Visible Micro- spectrophotometry	n/a	FSICTP160, FSICTP161
1203 Chemistry02 Detection of fire accelerants and explosives	Hydrocarbon fire accelerants analysis	Fire debris from crime scenes	ATD GC-MS SPME	ATD GC-MS LOD: Neat petrol 0.5 µl Neat diesel 0.5µl SPME LOD: Neat petrol 0.05 µl Neat diesel 0.02µl	FSICTP104, FSICTP115
		Liquids from crime scenes	GC-MS	Typical analysis is of neat liquids	FSICTP104, FSICTP116
1203 Chemistry 04 Offensive chemicals	Identification of Chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile (CS), Capsaicin and Dihydrocpasaicin in offensive sprays	Offensive spray products (eg canisters)	Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometry - GC MS	LOD: CS = 5ppm Capsaicin = 5.5ppm Dihydrocapsaicin = 4.5ppm	FSICTP350 and FSICTP352
1204 Biology - .01 DNA analysis	*Mixture Interpretation using STRmix probabilistic genotyping software Related Opinions and Interpretation: Interpretation of DNA profiles generated internally from crime stains (single source/major minor mixtures/complex mixtures) and reference samples. Statistical analysis and comparison of DNA profiles generated from crime stains with compatible reference DNA	Crime stain samples	STRmix	n/a	FSIBTP564, FSIBTP589*

profiles (internally generated or from other accredited laboratories).				
Analysis of NGM Select profiles using Genemapper ID X software	DNA profiles	Genemapper ID X software	n/a	FSIBTP048* FSIBTS030*
Related Opinions and Interpretation: Comparison, statistical analysis and interpretation of DNA profiles from crime stains with reference DNA profiles *				
Automated processing of buccal FTA samples with the Hamilton STARlet	Reference FTA samples	Hamilton STARlet liquid handling system	n/a	FSIBTP587 and FSIBTP044
Bone Extraction and Purification of DNA from bones and teeth	Bone and tooth samples	Organic Method, EZ1 instrument	Extract DNA > 0.001ng/ul	FSIBTP057, FSIBTP570, FSIBTP571
DNA Amplification: Use of NGM Select to generate DNA profiles and Related Opinions and Interpretation: Comparison, statistical analysis and interpretation of DNA profiles from crime stains with reference DNA profiles	Crimestain and reference material	NGM Select kit, Thermocycler	n/a	FSIBTP051
DNA Amplification: HDPlex	Crime stain and reference samples	Investigator HDplex Kit	n/a	FSIBTP580 FSIBTP578
DNA Extraction and Purification (manual)	Various human body fluids (blood, semen, saliva), hair, epithelial cells and tissue samples and samples associated with crime scenes	Lysis and automated purification of DNA using the EZ1 Advanced XL and the EZ1 Investigator kit	n/a	FSIBTP057 FSIBTP005
DNA quantification	Crimestain and reference material - automated and manual quantification	Promega PowerQuant	n/a	FSIBTP574
Generation of Mitochondrial DNA profiles Related Opinions and Interpretation: Interpretation of DNA profiles generated internally from DNA extracts of crime	DNA extracts	MiSeq FGx System using the ForenSeq mtDNA whole genome kit	n/a	FSIBTP592, FSIBTP593 and FSIBTP591

	stains (single source), human identification and reference samples. Statistical analysis and comparison of mtDNA profiles generated from crime stains with compatible reference DNA profiles (internally generated or from other accredited laboratories).				
	Genetic characterisation of NGMSelect profiles using 3500xl genetic analyser Related Opinions and Interpretation: Comparison, statistical analysis and interpretation of DNA profiles from crime stains with reference DNA profiles *	Crimestain and reference material	3500xl genetic analyser	n/a	FSIBTP052* and FSIBTP053*
	Lysis, automated DNA purification, quantification, PCR and sequencing set up using Robotic 96 well automated platform.	Various human body fluid (blood, semen, saliva), hair, epithelial cells and tissue samples and samples associated with crime scenes	Robotic liquid handler platform DNAIQ extraction chemistry, PowerQuant	n/a	FSIBTP057, FSIBTP005, FSIBTP064
	Opinions and Interpretation (inclusive of Evaluative Reporting) for Sexual Assault Cases *	Sexual assault cases	Pre Case Assessment (LIMS) Examination strategy Assignment of transfer/ persistence/recovery probabilities. Likelihood ratio	n/a	FSIBTP579* FSIBTP575* FSIBTP576* FSIBTP583* FSIAP109*
	Reference DNA Sample Processing: FTA cards	Reference FTA samples	NGM Select Express Kit, Thermocycler	n/a	FSIBTP044
	Robotic 96 well automated platform for the processing of buccal FTA samples		Robotic 96 well automated platform	n/a	FSIBTP044
	YSTR Related Opinions and Interpretation: Comparison, statistical analysis and interpretation of Y23 DNA profiles from crime stains with reference DNA profiles	Crime stain and reference samples	Promega Power Plex Y23 STR Kit, Thermocycler	n/a	FSIBTP080* FSIBTS038*
1204 Biology - .02 Blood pattern analysis	Identification (searching and stain selection/sampling) of blood and BPA on clothing and other items examined at the		Visual Inspection	n/a	FSIBTP154*, FSIBTP156* and FSIBTP157*

	laboratory Interpretation - related opinions and interpretation (inclusive of Evaluative Reporting for BPA)				
1204 Biology - .04 Body fluid identification	Detection of Acid Phosphatase (AP)	Items of clothing and swabs relating to Sexual Assault cases	Brentamine Test	n/a	FSIBTP100
	Detection of Blood using KM Solution	Items of clothing and items from the scene	Kastle Meyer Test	n/a	FSIBTP150
	Detection of Human Blood	1	ABA card Hema trace test	n/a	FSIBTP159
	Extraction and detection of salivary α- amylase using RSID saliva membrane test	Items of clothing and swabs relating to Sexual Assault cases	RSID Saliva Membrane Test	n/a	FSIBTP111
	Extraction and detection of seminal fluid using RSID semen membrane test		RSID Semen Membrane test	n/a	FSIBTP110
	Extraction and detection of urine using RSID Urine membrane test		RSID Urine Membrane Test	n/a	FSIBTP114
	Extraction of spermatazoa using whole swab method		Whole swab extraction	n/a	FSIBTP109
	Identification of human spermatazoa		Microscopy	n/a	FSIBTP101 - FSIBTP102
	The Phadebas® Forensic Press test for the detection of salivary α – amylase.	Crimestain samples	Phadebas® Forensic Press test paper by Magle	n/a	FSIBTP211, FSIBTP212
1204 Biology - .05 Damage to clothing	Identification, assessment and interpretation of damage to clothing and fabric	Items of clothing and fabric	Visual examinations, low power microscopy and dimensional measurement	n/a	FSIBTP200, FSIBTP201*
	Analysis of Black Powder	Samples of Black Powder (loose powder, grains, other combinations of Potassium Nitrate and/or Charcoal and/or Sulfur)	- FTIR, - Ion Chromatography, - GCMS, - Microscopy, - SEM-EDX, - micro-XRF	LOD as determined by IC: Potassium = 0.1ppm Nitrate = 0.02ppm GC-MS: Sulfur = 2.5ppm	FSICTP310 FSICTP311 FSICTP305 FSICTP306 FSICTP314 FSICTP315
	Detection and identification of Firearm Residue (FAR)	Fire and explosions (including firearm discharge residues	Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)	LOD 0.5µm	FSICTP250- FSICTP252, FSICTP255- FSICTP257 FSICTP259

	Explosives - Identification of bulk material for the following compounds: Nirocellulose, PETN, RDX and Nitroxoglycerine in suspect materials	Suspect devices from crime scenes		Ranges: LOD Nitroglycerine - 2.5ppm, Nitrocellulose - PETN - 5ppm RDX - 5ppm Sulfur 2.5ppm	FSICTP300 - FSICTP302, FSICTP305- FSICTP308
	Identification of inorganic oxidisers - Potassium perchlorate, Potassium chlorate, Barium Nitrate, Barium Perchlorate, Sodium Nitrate, Sodium Chlorate, Sodium Perchlorate, Sotium Perchlorate, Sotium Perchlorate, Sotium Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrate, Sodium Nitrate,	Components of pyrotechnic mixtures e.g. fireworks, bangers, sparklers etc	micro-XRF	LOD as determined by IC: Potassium - 0.1ppm Perchlorate - 0.05ppm Chlorate - 0.04ppm Barium - 1ppm Nitrate - 0.02ppm Sodium - 0.04ppm Strontium - 2ppm Ammonium - 0.075ppm Nitrite - 0.02ppm	FSIAP054, FSICTP400, FSICTP401, FSICTP402, FSICTS400, FSICTS401, FSICTP313, FSICTP314, FSICTP315
1206 Questioned documents01 Handwriting examination and comparison	Handwriting	Documents	Spectral comparison in the visual and extravisual range (VSC), Stereo Microscopes, Digital Camera	n/a	FSICTP554*
1206 Questioned documents02 Signature examination and comparison	Signatures		Spectral comparison in the visual and extravisual range (VSC), Stereo Microscopes, Digital Camera	n/a	FSICTP555*
1206 Questioned documents03 Detection and enhancement of Indented Impressions	Indented Impressions *		Spectral comparison in the visual and extravisual range (VSC), Stereo Microscopes, Digital Camera, Electrostatic detection of Indented writings (ESDA)	n/a	FSICTP552 FSICTP551
1206 Questioned documents04 Examination of documents for	Alteration *	Cards, postcards, documents	Spectral comparison in the visual and extravisual range (VSC), Stereo Microscopes, Digital Camera, Electrostatic detection of Indented writings (ESDA)	n/a	FSICTP551 FSICTP552

evidence of alteration					
1206 Questioned documents05 Examination of security documents for authenticity	Authenticity *		Spectral comparison in the visual and extravisual range (VSC), Stereo Microscopes, Digital Camera	n/a	FSICTP553
1207 Fingerprinting - .01 Ten print procedure	Processing of Tenprints	Tenprint sets	MBIS, Digital Camera, flatbed scanner, handheld scanner Magnifier	n/a	FSICTP541, FSICTP536
1207 Fingerprinting - .02 Latent print identification	Fingerprints	Surfaces suitable for retaining friction ridge detail	Vacuum metal deposition procedure	n/a	FSICTP543
	Processing of latent prints	Tenprint sets	MBIS, Digital Camera, flatbed scanner, handheld scanner Magnifier	n/a	FSICTP541, FSICTP536
1207 Fingerprinting - .03 Ninhydrin procedure	Fingerprints	Surfaces suitable for retaining friction ridge detail	Indanedione procedure	n/a	FSICTP545
			Ninhydrin Humidity Oven, Glue Fuming, Glue Cabinet, By40 dye, Fingerprint powders	n/a	FSICTP503
1207 Fingerprinting - .04 Superglue procedure			Lumicyano procedure	n/a	FSICTP546
			Ninhydrin Humidity Oven, Glue Fuming, Glue Cabinet, By40 dye, Fingerprint powders	n/a	FSICTP504
1207 Fingerprinting -			Acid Dye Procedure	n/a	FSICTP511

.05 Dye procedure					
			Ninhydrin Humidity Oven, Glue Fuming, Glue Cabinet, By40 dye, Fingerprint powders	n/a	FSICTP505, FSICTP510
			Solvent Black 3 Procedure	n/a	FSICTP528
1207 Fingerprinting06 Fingerprint powder procedure			Fingerprint Fluorescent powders	n/a	FSICTP544
			Ninhydrin Humidity Oven, Glue Fuming, Glue Cabinet, By40 dye, Fingerprint powders	n/a	FSICTP506
			Powder Suspension Procedure	n/a	FSICTP530
1207 Fingerprinting07 High intensity light procedure			High Intensity Lights	n/a	FSICTP507
1207 Fingerprinting08 Image capture procedure		Fingerprint donors	Reflected UV Imaging of Superglue Fumed Evidence Fingermark Visualisation and Imaging with IR Fluorescent Powders and IR Light Sources	n/a	FSICTP518* FSICTP519*
		Surfaces suitable for retaining friction ridge detail	High Intensity Lights, Digital Camera and scanner	n/a	FSICTP508
1207 Fingerprinting - .09 Thermal coating removal			Acetone Thermal Coating Removal	n/a	FSICTP509
1210 Marks & impressions01 Footwear	Enhancement of footwear marks using physical and chemical means	Footwear and footwear impressions	Visual comparison	n/a	FSICTP051 - FSICTP061 (incl)

		from suspected crime scenes			
	Identification and comparison of footwear and footwear marks		Visual comparison	n/a	FSICTP051 - FSICTP061 (incl)
	Use of Trasoscan Lucia Forensic for scanning gel lifts and other items in footwear cases	Impressions on flat surfaces, such as gel lifts, papers etc, and also for images submitted on discs (which will/may be limited by the quality of the original photograph)	Visual comparison	n/a	FSICTP066