



#### **Examination of body**

*(Only examine after being briefed by the officer in charge. Do not move the body or disturb the locus without prior permission from SIO)*

**Condition of body** (e.g. comment on rigor mortis, hypostasis, marbling, decomposition, petechiae, body fluids, states of dress, injuries seen, weapons present.)

**Ambient temperature** next to deceased: *(if relevant, ask SOCO to record)*

<b>Verification of death:</b>	By: HCP / Ambulance service
<b>Absence of carotid pulse over one minute</b>	YES / NO
<b>Absence of heart sounds over one minute</b>	YES / NO
<b>Absence of respiratory movements and breath sounds over one minute</b>	YES / NO
<b>Fixed, dilated pupils</b>	YES / NO
<b>Presence of hypostasis</b>	YES / NO
<b>Presence of rigor mortis</b>	YES / NO

#### **Impression**

<b>Can death be verified?</b>	YES / NO	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Are there any suspicious circumstances?</b>	YES / NO	
<b>Coroner's officer informed:</b>	YES / NO / by whom?	
<b>Discussed with:</b>	GP / FP / SOCO / OIC / SIO	
<b>Further action needed?</b>	YES / NO / by whom?	

**Details:** *(If further action needed, ask police to cordon off the area and ensure no one enters pending further discussion with FP and coroner's officer.)*

<b>Secure cordon?</b>	YES / NO	
<b>Preliminary samples taken?</b> <i>(by specially trained staff only)</i>	YES / NO	<b>Details:</b>
<b>Time left scene:</b>		

Signed:

Date:

Notes completed at time: