Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

Forensic medical examination
Suspect

SAMPLES

Relevant sections of this form must be completed and **a copy exhibited with the samples**. **Refer to the current FFLM recommendations regarding which samples are relevant.**

Please **print in capitals** in **black ink** using a ball-point pen and tick the appropriate boxes. Extra information can be included on **p3.**

GENERAL INFORMATION *circle or delete as appropriate*	
Name of examinee	Sex M F Transgender *clarify*
Case reference number	Venue
Examination start time finish time Date	Room

TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

Alcohol, and some drugs, are eliminated relatively quickly from blood, it is recommended that **both blood and urine** are taken from suspects/ detainees with the appropriate authority.

Have any drugs (prescribed or otherwise) or alcohol been taken by the suspect in the past 5 days? N/K ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, please specify

SAMPLES TAKEN		expiry date	batch* no./ barcode	no. taken	item/ exhibit no.	TEB no.
Hand swabs usually (x2) 1 moist & 1 dry per hand, **but adapt as appropriate**						
	Right hand swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Left hand swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Paper sheet (if visible debris)					
Fingernail collection						
	Right fingernail cuttings					
	Right fingernail swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Left fingernail cuttings					
	Left fingernail swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Paper sheet (if visible debris)					
Mouth sample collection						
	Peri-oral swab (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Mouth swab(s) (dry)					
	Mouth rinse 10ml					
Skin swabs (x 2) 1 moist and 1 dry from each site						
	Right breast					
	Left breast					
	Upper/inner thigh					
	Other e.g. groin skin crease, scalp *please specify*					
	Skin control swab *specify site*					
Ano-rectal Samples						
	Perianal swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Anal canal swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry					
	Rectal swabs					
	Proctoscope used: ☐ no ☐ yes					
	Opened tube/sachet of used lubricant (type):					

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Female genital samples						
	Mons pubis					
	Vulva and perineum swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry, as appropriate					
	Low vagina swabs					
	High vagina swabs					
	Endocervical swabs					
	Vaginal speculum used: ☐ no ☐ yes					
	Opened tube/sachet of used lubricant (type):					
Male genital samples (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry from each site						
	Mons pubis					
	Swabs from Shaft *+ external foreskin if present*					
	Swabs from Coronal sulcus and Glans *+ internal foreskin if present*					
Hair collection						
	Head hair visible debris collect using forceps					
	Head hair swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry, as appropriate					
	Head hair taping use low adhesive tape only					
	Head hair combings retain comb					
	Head hair reference sample minimum 25 - representative sample					
	Head hair matted with body fluids					
	Pubic hair visible debris collect using forceps					
	Pubic hair swabs (x2) 1 moist and 1 dry, as appropriate					
	Pubic hair combings retain comb					
	Pubic hair matted with body fluids					
	Hair for toxicology – see *FFLM recommendations*					
Other please specify						
Alcohol/Drug blood						
	Blood preserved (sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate) total 10ml (mix for 30 seconds)					
	Time taken:					
Alcohol/Drug urine where appropriate, take 2nd urine sample						
	Urine preserved (sodium fluoride) 20ml (mix for 30 seconds)					
	Urine sample 1 Time taken:					
	Urine sample 2 Time taken:					
	Tissue					
Urine for DNA (in exceptional circumstances)						
	Urine (as above)					

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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FURTHER INFORMATION
Can be used for further information e.g. further details or clarifications of the offence or examination; further exhibits e.g. clothing

Diagrams to show the site of skin swabbing

Body chart(s) attached

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