

BTP Forensic Collection and Submissions Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will employ methods to obtain, secure and process forensic evidence in accordance with the accompanying procedures in such a way as to make it admissible in a court of law if required. All BTP officers and relevant staff are responsible for ensuring that their actions comply with all relevant legislation and ACPO Guidelines.

2.0 Overview

2.1 This policy replaces D59405.

2.2 This policy stems from the ACPO DNA Good Practice Guide.

2.3 This policy will apply to all BTP staff.

2.4 This policy applies in England, Wales, and Scotland.

3.0 Applicable Date, Monitoring and Review

3.1 This policy is applicable from 28 June 2006.

3.2 This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.



4.0 Ownership

4.1 This policy is owned by ACC Crime.

4.2 Any queries related to this policy should be directed to the Scientific Support Unit.

5.0 Associated Documents

5.1 Forensic Collection and Submissions Standard Operating Procedures

5.2 D56900 Presumptive Testing of Drugs: Forensic Analysis

5.3 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996

5.4 Criminal Justice Act 2003