# Expert Witness’ Self-certificate

## Name of expert witness:

## Date of birth:

## Business address:

## Defendant (if known):

## URN:

I have been instructed by the prosecution team to provide expert evidence in relation to the prosecution of the above-named (or where that is not known an investigation into the following criminal offence)

I confirm that I have read the CPS Guidance for Experts on Disclosure, Unused Material and Case Management that has been provided with this form, and that I am aware of my responsibilities as an expert witness to reveal to the prosecution team any information that might undermine my evidence or assist the defence.

The following information is provided to the prosecution team under Criminal Procedure Rule 19.2(3)(d) to disclose anything of which I am aware, that might reasonably be thought capable of undermining the reliability of my opinion or detracting from my credibility or impartiality.

The Criminal Practice Directions 2023 Part 7 provides the following examples of matters that should be disclosed), both in relation to the expert and in relation to any corporation or other body with which the expert works, as an employee or in any other capacity. This is not a comprehensive list and there may be other matters that ought to be disclosed under Criminal Procedure Rules 19.2(3)(d).

1. any fee arrangement under which the amount or payment of the expert’s fees is in any way dependent on the outcome of the case;
2. any conflict of interest of any kind, other than a potential conflict disclosed in the expert’s report;
3. adverse judicial comment;
4. any case in which an appeal has been allowed by reason of a deficiency in the expert’s evidence;
5. any adverse finding, disciplinary proceedings or other criticism by a professional, regulatory or registration body or authority, including the Forensic Science Regulator;
6. any such adverse finding or disciplinary proceedings against, or other such criticism of, others associated with the corporation or other body with which the expert works which calls into question the quality of that corporation's or body's work generally;
7. conviction of a criminal offence in circumstances that suggest:
	* a lack of respect for, or understanding of, the interests of the criminal justice system (for example, perjury; acts perverting or tending to pervert the course of public justice),
	* dishonesty (for example, theft or fraud), or
	* a lack of personal integrity (for example, corruption or a sexual offence)
8. lack of an accreditation or other commitment to prescribed standards where that might be expected;
9. a history of failure or poor performance in quality or proficiency assessments;
10. a history of lax or inadequate scientific methods;
11. a history of failure to observe recognised standards in the expert’s area of expertise;
12. a history of failure to adhere to the standards expected of an expert witness in the criminal justice system.

The Criminal Practice Directions 2023 Part 7 provides further guidance on matters that an expert should be aware of and what is expected of experts in reporting any adverse comment.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the investigator.

Are you aware of any information that might reasonably be thought capable of undermining the reliability of your opinion or detracting from your credibility or impartiality?

Yes/No (Please delete as applicable and if the answer is Yes, please give details below:

### Details:

## Declaration

The information I have given in this certificate is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will notify those instructing me of any change in this information. I am aware that any false or misleading information I have given in this document, or any deliberate omission of relevant information may lead to disciplinary or criminal proceedings.

## Signed:

## Name (CAPITALS):

## Date: