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The Regulation of Forensic Science in the United Kingdom

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Forensic science exists because of the criminal justice system (CJS). Against this backdrop, its usage in all criminal proceedings from the crime scene to court must be based on common quality standards that befits the CJS. However, the adoption of these quality standards depends on the readiness of forensic science providers to demonstrate compliance and the ability of regulatory bodies to enforce the adoption. The Forensic Science Regulator (FSR) regulates the provision of forensic science in the UK by using Codes of Practice and Conducts for forensic science providers and practitioners. Since the inception of these Codes, the adoption by providers have been by a voluntary co-operation. This has given birth to disparities such as unequal accreditation requirements between police laboratories and private forensic science providers. Several recommendations about this regulation have demonstrated that adoption must go beyond this voluntary cooperation and be underpinned by statutory powers. The aim of this research is to assess the current regulatory regime and the emerging proposals in order to recommend an effective regulatory package that promotes optimal adoption and compliance of quality standards; and the assurance of continual commitment to quality practice and service delivery. A quantitative research approach would be utilised to seek suggestions from Stakeholders of forensic science provision in the UK on the feasibility and implications of these emerging proposals on the overall provision of forensic science to the criminal justice system in the UK.

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