

• The Future of Forensic Bioinformatics



Agenda – Seminar Two



- 1000

Welcome and Introduction

- 1020

Session 1 – *Data Sources*

- 1115

Tea / Coffee



- 1140

Session 2 – *Research Studies*

- 1300

Lunch



- 1400

Session 3 – *Knowledge Gaps*

- 1515

Tea/ coffee

- 1540

Session 4 – *Futures*

- 1630

Concluding discussion

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Aims, Outcome and Process

- Four expert meetings:
 - Integrity and integration (January)
 - Evidence and assessment (March)
 - Internationalisation and exchange (May)
 - Testing with international experts the outcomes of the first three events against, as far as may be practicably foreseen, the parameters of the restricted ‘margin of appreciation’ applicable to forensic bioinformation (July)



Aims:

- Series of structured and necessarily short discussions on the issues.
- Maximum participation by all in identifying the options for resolving each issue, relevant sources of data and precedents.
- Clearly identify those issues where a consensus has been reached or may be possible or where this is not possible, to clarify the extent and significance of any disagreement.



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- Record of meetings (not verbatim) on the project website (recording – Chatham House Rules)
- Comments on those records – as *statements* of amplification, support and dissent together with suggested areas for research or further consideration – on the project website (authorship can be identified or anonymous)
- A final record of this process – a description of the possible parameters – both as a publication to mark the end of this project and hopefully a waymark for others grappling with the issues



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- Outcome will not be Volume II of Nuffield Council on Bioethics – but complementary – and informed by that report and continuity of involvement
- It is not intended as a reaction to ‘*Marper*’ judgement – but hopefully the project is timely now that the law is to be clarified
- This seminar is not an occasion when participants’ need to state opinions for the record or be bound by the ideas they simply want to test.



Please remember:

- There is a great deal of ground to cover
- Important that all viewpoints and views are captured for the record
- Need to stick to the agenda and the key issues within that agenda
- Opportunity for reflection, comment and suggestions via the website
- The organisers have never done anything so ambitious before and your help is greatly appreciated.



This seminar will consider:

- What the police/govt/public ideally need to know in order to measure the impact, evaluate the effectiveness and, ideally, cost-effectiveness of current and proposed uses of FB;
- What evidence exists about inputs, outputs & effective uses of FB in law enforcement and criminal justice;
- What additional work is necessary to improve knowledge and ensure stakeholder and public confidence in decision making about FB collection and uses.

