

CELL SITE
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Early expert cell site opinion
to support faster, more
proportionate justice

Streamlined Forensic Report

(SFR1)



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What is an SFR1 cell site review?

An SFR1 cell site review provides a clear, summarised expert opinion arising from cell site analysis, produced in the form of a Streamlined Forensic Report 1 (SFR1).

It is designed to give investigators and prosecutors early, authoritative insight into the strength, risks and limitations of proposed cell site assertions, saving the time, cost or formality of a full evidential report.

An SFR1 is not intended to be presented as expert evidence at trial (other than as agreed fact), but to support earlier, better-informed decisions as a case progresses.

Why request an SFR1?

The Criminal Justice System (CJS) is under sustained pressure, with significant backlogs in investigation and case progression through the courts.

Traditional expert reporting models, while essential in contested cases, can be disproportionate at early stages; they can eat into precious time and budget before it is clear whether full evidential analysis is required at all.

An SFR1 offers a different way of engaging expert input:

- Earlier in the investigative timeline
- More proportionate to the decision being made
- Focused on speed, clarity and value

It supports speedier justice wherever possible, while preserving the ability to escalate to full evidential reporting when genuinely needed.

What we do

A CCL cell site expert reviews the customer’s propositions and available data to provide evaluative opinions on which assertions are supported, which are weak, and where risks or limitations arise.

Analysis may include Call Data Records (CDRs), network and contextual data, case-relevant information, and targeted RF survey data where requested. Where RF surveys are not conducted, resulting limitations are explicitly identified.

What you receive

A concise, plain-English, peer-reviewed SFR1 setting out clear expert opinion on the propositions under consideration, identification of potential risks and limitations, and practical insight to inform next steps.



Why investigative teams and CPS use it

Early triage of case hypotheses

Quickly identifies which propositions are well supported and which risk being undermined, discredited or challenged by a defence expert.

What it is – and isn’t

Faster, better-informed decisions

Early expert opinion helps investigators and prosecutors understand the strengths, risks and limitations of proposed cell site assertions before cases stall or drift.

Supports earlier case resolution

Clear expert opinion can help focus investigations and, where appropriate, encourage early guilty pleas, reducing delay and pressure on the courts.

- ✓ An early expert review to support investigation and prosecution decisions
- ✓ A proportionate alternative to full reporting at pre-charge stage

More proportionate use of expert evidence

An SFR1 provides the insight needed at pre-charge stage without committing time and budget to a full evidential report too early.

Viable expert option for budget constrained investigations

Enables expert cell site input to be obtained for cases that might otherwise have to sacrifice such opinion on grounds of cost.

- ✗ Not a full evidential cell site report
- ✗ Not intended for contested court presentation
- ✗ Not a substitute where full expert evidence is required

Why you can trust CCL

- One of the very few commercial cell site teams accredited to the FSR's Code of Practice and DIG200 standard
- The UK's largest team of accredited experts ensuring a highly available, rapid response resource
- More than 150 years of combined expertise
- Long track record of working within the CJS at pace, under scrutiny, with rigorous peer review and quality assurance
- Outstanding academic and professional contribution to the shaping of cell site analysis as a Forensic Science Activity

When to instruct an SFR1

- To help inform pre-charge decision-making
- To accelerate case triage and relieve backlog pressure
- Where tight budgets might rule out seeking expert opinion
- When speed, clarity and proportionality matter
- Before committing to full evidential reporting

Talk to us

If cell site analysis forms part of your case, an SFR1 can provide fast, credible expert insight, helping cases move forward sooner and more effectively.

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