1. Will the impact of FSS closure on criminal justice in the UK be:					
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Mostly positive?	1.0%	1			
Mostly negative?	96.0%	96			
Little or no impact?	3.0%	3			
	answered question	100			
	skipped question	0			

2. Please rate how strongly you agree with the following statements:								
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. The closure of the FSS will lead to an	40.2%	42.4%	6.5%	6.5% (6)	4.3% (4)	0.0%	1.92	92
increase in miscarriages of justice	(37)	(39)	(6)			(0)		
b. Switching to private and in-house police	39.1%	37.0%	5.4%	13.0%	5.4% (5)	0.0%	2.09	92
labs will reduce impartiality in the interpretation of evidence	(36)	(34)	(5)	(12)		(0)		
c. Switching to private and in-house police	27.2%	39.1%	16.3%	13.0%	4.3% (4)	0.0%	2.28	92
labs will make it harder for scientists to accurately interpret evidence	(25)	(36)	(15)	(12)		(0)		
d. Switching to private and in-house police	14.1%	26.1%	18.5%	20.7%	19.6%	1.1%	3.05	92
labs will make it harder for defence teams	(13)	(24)	(17)	(19)	(18)	(1)		
to challenge forensic evidence			, ,	,	,			
e. More openness and transparency is	31.5%	43.5%	17.4%	6.5% (6)	1.1% (1)	0.0%	2.02	92
needed in the methods by which forensic	(29)	(40)	(16)			(0)		
scientists reach their conclusions								
f. More independent research is needed to	42.4%	44.6%	10.9%	1.1% (1)	1.1% (1)	0.0%	1.74	92
overcome current weaknesses in forensic	(39)	(41)	(10)			(0)		
science in the UK								
g. The police place too much faith in	8.7% (8)	19.6%	31.5%	21.7%	18.5%	0.0%	3.22	92
forensic science		(18)	(29)	(20)	(17)	(0)		
h. The UK will fall behind the rest of the	72.8%	23.9%	1.1%	2.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0%	1.33	92
world because of the lack of research	(67)	(22)	(1)			(0)		
funding and support available								
i. There are insufficient experienced	45.7%	26.1%	13.0%	13.0%	2.2% (2)	0.0%	2.00	92
reporting officers available to cope with	(42)	(24)	(12)	(12)		(0)		
the demands of the changing forensic								
landscape								

answered question	92			
skipped question	8			

3. Regarding your own experience as a forensic scientist:							
	answered question	83					
	skipped question	17					
	Always	Sometimes	Never	Don't know	Response Count		
Do you ever feel pressurised to produce a particular result?	0.0% (0)	27.7% (23)	69.9% (58)	2.4% (2)	83		
Do you ever feel you have insufficient time to evaluate a case properly?	6.0% (5)	75.9% (63)	14.5% (12)	3.6% (3)	83		
Do you ever feel your partiality is compromised?	0.0% (0)	13.3% (11)	80.7% (67)	6.0% (5)	83		
Do you receive adequate training, education and mentoring to fulfil the requirements of your job?	61.4% (51)	30.1% (25)	6.0% (5)	2.4% (2)	83		

4. If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, do you think this issue will get better or worse in the next five years?					
	answered question	81			
	skipped question	19			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Better	3.7%	3			
Worse	92.6%	75			
About the same	4.9%	4			

5. Do you think that there is sufficient cooperation between the independent forensic providers to ensure that standards used to interpret evidence are consistent?					
	answered question	84			
	skipped question	16			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Yes	11.9%	10			
No	75.0%	63			
Don't know	15.5%	13			

6. Do you have confidence that the forensic science regulator has sufficient resources to ensure that standards are adequate and consistent between providers?					
	answered question	84			
	skipped question	16			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Yes	3.6%	3			
No	81.0%	68			
Don't know	16.7%	14			

7. What kind of lab do you work in?					
	answered question	82			
	skipped question	18			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Public (FSS) lab	54.9%	45			
Private lab (eg. LGC, Cellmark, Key)	11.0%	9			
University	4.9%	4			
Independent consultant	4.9%	4			
Police lab	6.1%	5			
Unemployed	20.7%	17			
Other	4.9%	4			

8. What is your area of expertise?					
	answered question	82			
	skipped question	18			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Forensic biology	57.3%	47			
Footwear analysis	6.1%	5			
Ballistics	3.7%	3			
Glass/fibres analysis	7.3%	6			
Forensic chemistry	4.9%	4			
Drugs and toxicology	18.3%	15			
Document examination	1.2%	1			
Fire investigation	2.4%	2			
Other	15.9%	13			

9. Have you ever worked for the FSS?					
	answered question	81			
	skipped question	19			
	Response Percent	Response Count			
No	0.0%	0			
<1 year	1.2%	1			
1 – 3 years	7.4%	6			
More than 3 years	91.4%	74			