

## Dental Record Checklist – to aid dental identifications

### For the dental practitioner/investigating officer

During Missing Persons investigations forensic odontologists (FO's) can be routinely called upon to help establish the identification of an unknown individual. In order to complete this task in a timely manner a guidance checklist has been created to highlight what records are required. This checklist was created under the guidance of current working UK FO's affiliated to BAFO and their preferences of dental records.

### Primary records to be retrieved

<i>Type of record</i>	<i>Present Y/N</i>	<i>Collected Y/N</i>	<i>Copy or Originals</i>
<i>Dental X-rays (wet films or digital)</i>			
<i>Dental Charts (handwritten or digital)</i>			
<i>Clinical Photographs</i>			
<i>Study models</i>			N/A

**Any records obtained must ideally be in COLOUR and if only wet film x-rays present, please take originals rather than photocopies. They can be returned once the ID is completed.**

### Supplementary dental information

This may be present within the dental practice or found within the house of the missing person. Family members should be asked to provide any known dental paraphernalia for the investigation.

<i>Additional Dental Records</i>	<i>Present Y/N</i>	<i>Collected Y/N</i>
<i>Dentures</i>		
<i>Bleaching trays</i>		
<i>Orthodontic appliances</i>		
<i>Gum shields- sports, grinding</i>		
<i>Selfie images showing teeth</i>		

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