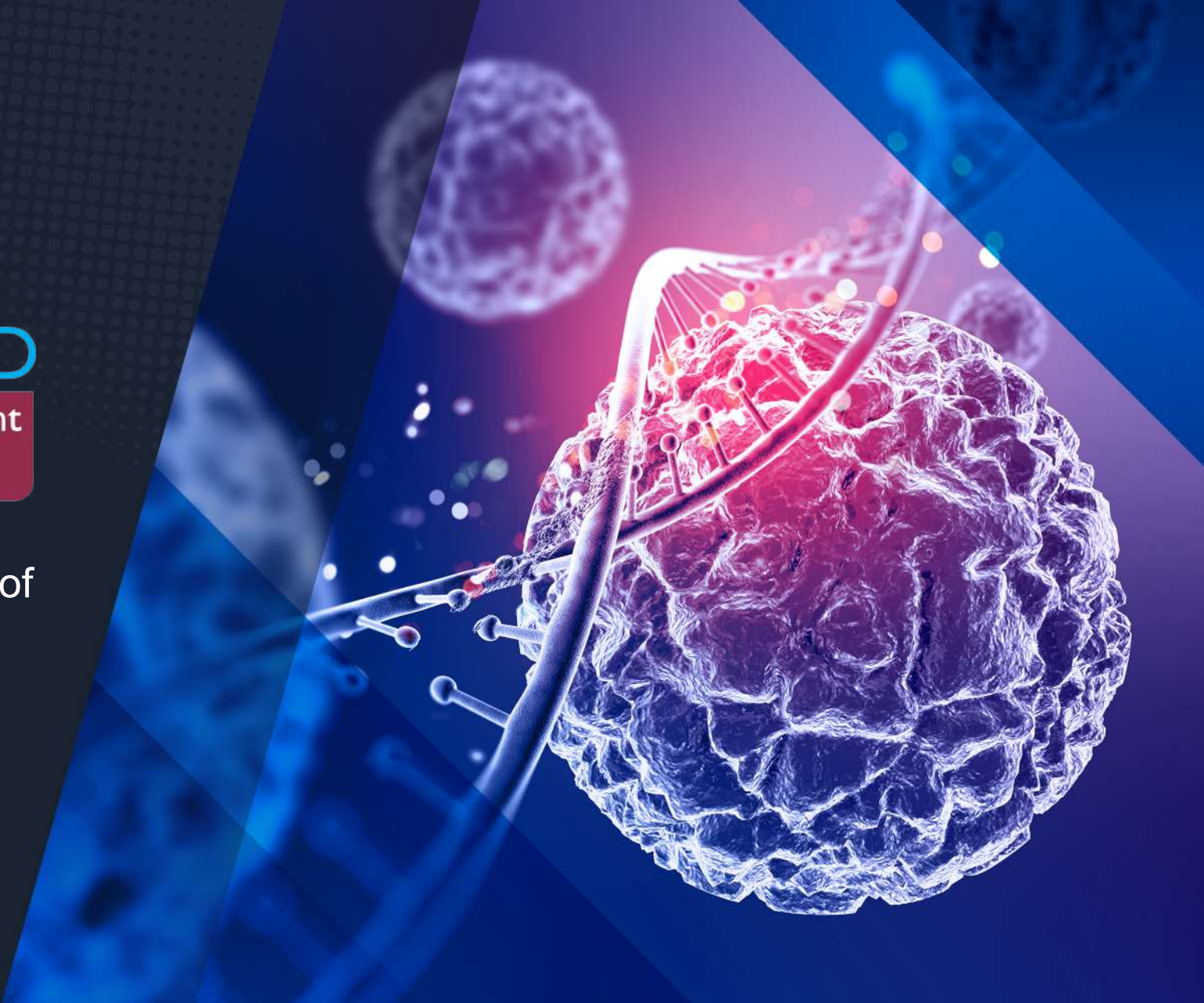




DNA BOARD

National Forensic Oversight
and Ethics Board

Ensuring Integrity and
Ethics in the operations of
the FSL and NFDD





NATIONAL FORENSIC OVERSIGHT & ETHICS BOARD (DNA BOARD)

The National Forensic Oversight and Ethics Board (otherwise referred to as the DNA Board) is a statutory body established in accordance with section 15V (1) of the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Act, No. 37 of 2013. The Board's statutory obligations are defined by section 15Z of the DNA Act and include:

- A.** Providing regular independent and effective governance and oversight over the overall operations of the National Forensic DNA Database (NFDD);
- B.** Ensuring that ethical, legal, and social implications of the use of the forensic DNA in criminal investigations are considered; and
- C.** Receiving and assessing complaints from any affected person regarding any alleged violations relating to the abuse of DNA samples and forensic DNA profiles and any security breaches in the database and or processes.

VISION

Ensure transparency in the management and administration of the country's DNA database in order to, among others, promote and protect fundamental rights, and instil confidence in the public regarding the use of the National Forensic DNA Database (NFDD) for criminal investigation purpose.

MISSION

Execute a governance and an ethical oversight function in respect of the overall operations of the National Forensic DNA Database (NFDD) as well as the systems and processes for safeguarding the integrity of the DNA collection and profiling value chain.

VALUES

Accountability
Confidentiality
Efficiency
Fairness
Human dignity
Integrity.

LODGING COMPLAINTS WITH THE DNA BOARD

A complaint may be lodged on behalf of a child; a person who suffers from physician disability or a mental disability or a person authorised to act on behalf of the complainant, or by a person who:

Has knowledge or becomes aware of any violation relating to the manner in which a DNA sample or forensic DNA profile is or has been handled;

Is affected or likely to be affected by the manner in which the results of the analysis of a DNA sample or forensic DNA sample in the NFDD is or has been handled;

Has knowledge, or becomes aware, of any breach of security relating to:
the safe transportation or storage of a DNA sample;
the safe transportation or storage of a forensic DNA profile;
the physical security of the NFDD; or
any other matter that breaches; prejudices or compromises the proper management of DNA samples, forensic DNA profiles or the integrity of the NFDD.

Has knowledge of unethical conduct by an employee in the exercise of any function of the NFDD, or is affected by unethical conduct; or

Has knowledge of unethical conduct by an independent provider in the provision of services under arrangement with the NFDD.



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