David Hartshorne, BSc (Hons)
Managing Director, Cellmark Forensic Services

David was one of the original team of DNA scientists employed in 1987 to set up Cellmark as the world's first commercial DNA fingerprinting service. He has worked for the Company for 32 years and now, as Cellmark's Managing Director, employs approximately 500 staff supplying specialist DNA, toxicology and forensic services to 80% of the UK's police forces, to UK government agencies, and to law enforcement organisations around the world.

David has been involved in the development of a range of novel and bespoke DNA and forensic testing services and has played a leading role in developing Cellmark from being a specialist DNA company to becoming one of the largest forensic science providers in the UK, delivering a comprehensive range of ISO17025 accredited forensic analysis services.

In addition to his work at Cellmark, David is Chair of the Association of Forensic Science Providers (AFSP), a post he has held since 2016. The AFSP membership includes all the major public and private sector forensic laboratories in the UK and Ireland. He represents Cellmark and the AFSP on various police and Home Office groups and committees.