**Dan Harris**

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A freelance translator working from French to English. In addition to studying languages, I am a physics graduate with 12 years clinical laboratory experience who combines his scientific experience with his passion for languages in the translation of scientific texts. Other types of texts also translated.

**Recent Professional Experience**

**04/2017 – Present Freelance Translator**

Translation of scientific and general texts from French to English. Examples of my work include:

* News articles for the website Watching America.
* Educational videos for the website Sikana.
* Educational material for the organisation EURORDIS, which works on behalf of patients with rare diseases.

**04/2011 – 01/2016 National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London, UK, Neurometabolic Unit, Medical Technical Officer**

Based in a specialist unit for the diagnosis and monitoring of neurometabolic disorders providing an analytical service using a variety of laboratory techniques.

* Provision of highly specialist analytical service.
* Staff training and support to aid the whole team in functioning effectively.
* Development and updating of department procedures to adhere to changing national standards and to improve service quality.
* Liaison with service users including clinicians, patients, and other laboratories to provide the best possible service.

**04/2010 - 04/2011 Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK, Biomedical Research Unit, Sample Coordinator**

Responsible for obtaining and processing samples for the lung tissue bio-bank.

* Working with patients to explain the hospital’s research programmes and gain informed consent for the storage of samples taken in theatre.
* Liaising with theatre teams to obtain samples from consented patients.
* Administration of bio-bank in compliance with Human Tissue Authority standards.

**10/2008 - 04/2010 King’s College Hospital Foundation Trust, London, UK, Blood Sciences Laboratory, Senior Assistant Technical Officer**

* Working with other departments and external service users to assist with enquires about or problems with the laboratory service.
* Processing of patient samples for analysis including lone-working at night.

**11/2007 – 10/2008 Ashford and St. Peter’s NHS Trust, London, UK, Pathology Department, Pathology Team Leader**

* Solving any problems that occur with specimens in liaison with clinical staff.
* Supervision and training of laboratory support staff.

**Education**

**2014-Present BA in Language Studies with French and German** (Open University, UK) In progress

**1999-2003 BSc in Physics** (University of Manchester, UK)

**1997-1999 A-Levels in Chemistry (C), General Studies (B), Mathematics (D) and Physics (B)** (Crompton House School, Oldham, UK) **Baccalaureate equivalent**

**1995-1997 10 GCSE’s (General Certificate of Secondary Education) at grades A\*- B** (Crompton House School, Oldham, UK)

**Outside Interests**

* Amateur singer/songwriter with experience of performing at venues in London and Manchester.
* Volunteer in May 2016 at Queen Mary University of London Festival of Communities.
* Volunteer in June 2016 with ‘Britain Stronger In’, the official organisation which campaigned to keep Britain in the European Union.