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Finally

We ask that you text 'on site' and off site' respectively to Beanie's mobile number (see below), so that we know you are there and that you have left.

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You must provide PRS with an invoice for your services, a template is included in this document and online. Please remember that, when using this template, you must edit out the italicised examples and enter the correct data as required.

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Date of birth	
Marital status	
Address (including postcode)	
	Postcode:
Telephone	
Mobile phone	
Email	
Present profession	
Do you have a full, clean driving licence?	
Do you have a car?	
Health	
Do you smoke?	
Do you suffer from any illness, disability or eating disorder?	Details:
Is your Tetanus up to date?	Expires:
Is your Hep B up to date?	Expires:
Are you inoculated against anything else?	

Professionally related		
Do you hold a current first aid certificate?	Type:	Valid until:
Have you studied first aid or any related subject in the past?	Course title:	
	Qualification:	
Have you ever driven an ambulance or van?	Details:	
Do you, or have you ever taught?		
Do you have any criminal convictions?	Details	
Have you been vetted with respect to the protection of children act?	Certificate date:	
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Uniform sizing (please indicate your size for the following)		
Polo shirt / Fleece	XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Bank details (payments will be made directly to this account)		
Account no:	Sort Code:	

Please email an up to date CV and photograph for your ID card for our records.

INVOICE

Your name and address on this line

Date:	<i>Type in job date here</i>
Invoice number:	<i>Type in your starting number (i.e. 001)</i>

Details of expenses claimed (please attach scanned receipts):

Bank Details		
Bank name:	Sort code:	Account no:

Job Reference: (i.e. FAST1234)	Location: (i.e. Cambridge)	Fee:	
		Expenses:	
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		TOTAL DUE:	



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Address (including postcode)	
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Telephone	
Mobile phone	
Email	
Present profession	
Do you have a full, clean driving licence?	
Do you have a car?	
Health	
Do you smoke?	
Do you suffer from any illness, disability or eating disorder?	Details:
Is your Tetanus up to date?	Expires:
Is your Hep B up to date?	Expires:
Are you inoculated against anything else?	

Professionally related		
Do you hold a current first aid certificate?	Type:	Valid until:
Have you studied first aid or any related subject in the past?	Course title:	
	Qualification:	
Have you ever driven an ambulance or van?	Details:	
Do you, or have you ever taught?		
Do you have any criminal convictions?	Details	
Have you been vetted with respect to the protection of children act?	Certificate date:	
	Valid until:	
Uniform sizing <i>(please indicate your size for the following)</i>		
Polo shirt / Fleece	XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/>	
Trousers (waist; inches)	26" <input type="checkbox"/> 28" <input type="checkbox"/> 30" <input type="checkbox"/> 32" <input type="checkbox"/> 34" <input type="checkbox"/> 36" <input type="checkbox"/>	
	38" <input type="checkbox"/> 40" <input type="checkbox"/> 42" <input type="checkbox"/> 44" <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bank details <i>(payments will be made directly to this account)</i>		
Account no:	Sort Code:	

Please email an up to date CV and photograph for your ID card for our records.

INVOICE

Your name and address on this line

Date:	<i>Type in job date here</i>
Invoice number:	<i>Type in your starting number (i.e. 001)</i>

Details of expenses claimed (please attach scanned receipts):

Bank Details		
Bank name:	Sort code:	Account no:

Job Reference: (i.e. FAST1234)	Location: (i.e. Cambridge)	Fee:	
		Expenses:	
		Other costs:	
		TOTAL DUE:	