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Head of Compliance and MLRO (SMF16 / SMF17) Cryptoasset Firm

Description
Location: London (hybrid) / Remote UK ·

Type: Full-time, Permanent ·

Sector: Cryptoassets, Payments, Fintech ·

Salary: Competitive, DOE

An ambitious cryptoasset business is preparing for FCA registration under the Money Laundering Regulations and a subsequent FSMA authorisation application. They are looking for an experienced compliance leader to own the process and steer them through the gateway.

The role:

- Lead the firm's FCA cryptoasset MLR registration and FSMA authorisation application end to end
- Act as named MLRO / SMF16 / SMF17 designate, ready to stand up to the FCA's fit-and-proper assessment
- Build, review and maintain AML/CFT frameworks, policies and procedures against MLRs 2017 and JMLSG guidance
- Own the Travel Rule, crypto financial promotions (S21), Consumer Duty and safeguarding requirements
- Manage the relationship with the FCA directly through to authorisation and beyond

Responsibilities
We'd like to hear from you if you have:

- Prior FCA-approved SMF16 and/or SMF17 status with a clean approval history
- Hands-on experience of FCA applications — MLR registration, Part 4A, VoP, or VASP/EMI licensing
- Genuine cryptoasset or digital-assets compliance experience (not TradFi alone)
- The credibility and gravitas to lead a growing compliance function as the firm scales

This is a permanent, full-time appointment offering the opportunity to build and lead a compliance function from the application stage upward.

Hiring organization
FD Capital

Employment Type
Full-time

Beginning of employment
1st August 2026

Duration of employment
Perm

Industry
Fintech

Job Location
`, London, South East, United Kingdom

Working Hours
9-5

Base Salary
£ 120,000 - £ 160,000

Date posted
July 16, 2026

Valid through
31.08.2026