



TRANSFORMING
FORENSICS
Programme

Forensics is changing...

Drivers for change

Evidence

- Forensic Services Marketplace Critical Incident Review Report
- Home Office implementation plan
- HoL & HoC Science and Technology Committee Reports

Systemic challenges

- Lack of co-ordination
- Fragile marketplace
- Digital and data issues
- Quality and accreditation
- Workforce skills gap

Shared priorities

- Reduce crime
- Increase public safety
- Restore confidence in CJS
- 20k uplift (plus demand)

Response to drivers

Demands national approach

- ✓ New tools, processes, capabilities and capacity
- ✓ Shared resources
- ✓ Standardisation
- ✓ Marketplace coordination
- ✓ Strategic R&D
- ✓ Learning and development



To deliver

- ✓ Improved criminal justice outcomes
- ✓ Reduced harm
- ✓ Reduced risk
- ✓ Increased effectiveness
- ✓ Greater efficiency

Delivering the change



Develops

TF is a short-term transformation programme creating tools, capabilities and solutions

- Digital Forensic Science Strategy
- Forensic Marketplace Strategic Plan
- Forensic Operating Model
- Fingerprint project
- eQMS



Delivers

FCN is a *permanent* network of forces and partners implementing and managing services and solutions

- Four Pillars
 - Operations
 - Science
 - Commercial
 - Quality
- Facilitates, supports, coordinates and shares

www.fcn.police.uk

Key TF projects

Digital Forensic Science Strategy

increased public confidence and enhanced service through a coordinated programme of transformation of local, regional and national digital forensic capability

Transformed Fingerprint Capability

Better, swifter justice outcomes through a transformed end-to-end national fingerprint capability; cloud-enabled, centrally validated and assured

Forensic Marketplace Strategic Plan

Increased marketplace resilience, stability and co-ordination through new approaches to service delivery and improved relationships with suppliers

Forensic Operating Model

Blueprint for national delivery of forensic science, driven by the community and underpinned by a new relationship with industry and academia

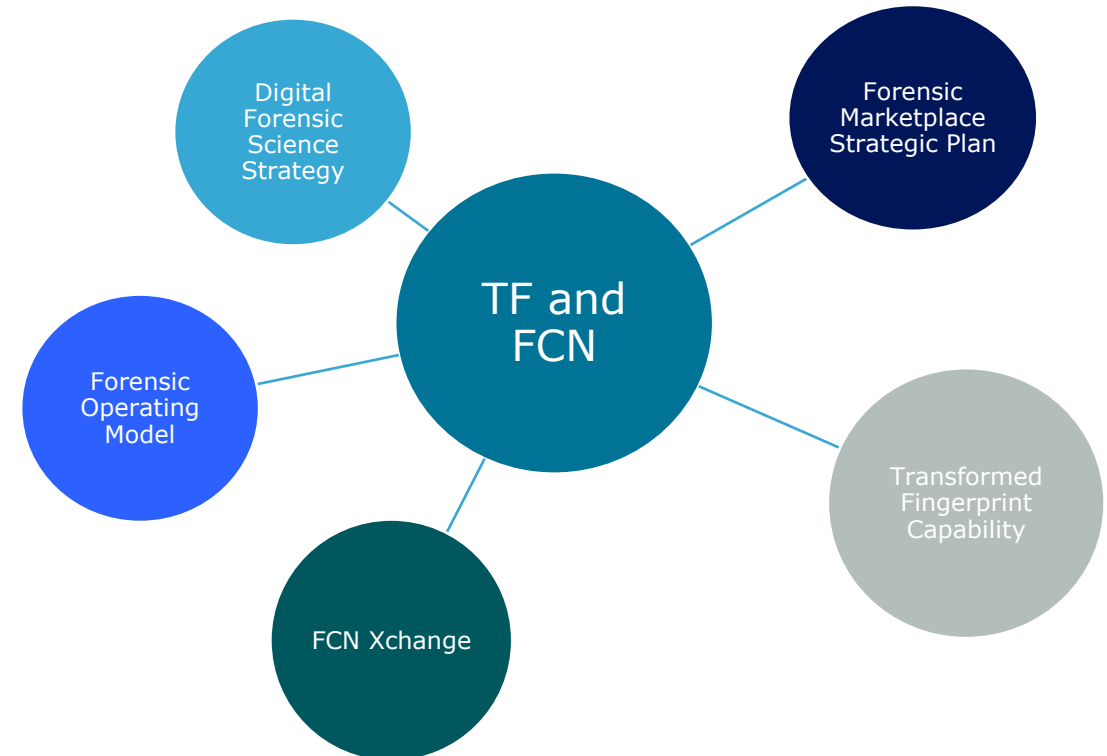
FCN Xchange

A secure, cloud-based national online platform through which specialist digital forensic capabilities, tools and applications can be shared and used across law enforcement

Bringing **significant benefits** to the criminal justice system

Benefits of change

- Enhanced forensic capability and capacity
- Better, swifter, quality assured CJ outcomes
- Better served victims and witnesses
- Reduced harm
- Increased public confidence and legitimacy
- Better value for money for the public
- Increased workforce welfare, resilience and retention



Six months of FCN

Since launch on 1 April 2020:

- ✓ Helped manage risk around COVID-19
- ✓ Creating efficiency through national approach to guidance, R&D, etc
- ✓ Streamlined Forensic Reporting guidance available in one place for first time
- ✓ First national online quality management system (eQMS) procured
- ✓ £110k in R&D funding for drug violence and other research – £420k more pending
- ✓ Leading national expert networks on CSI, Digital Forensics, etc
- ✓ Held five virtual events with 300+ attendees from forces, on topics including R&D, SFR, etc
- ✓ 38 highly experienced members of FCN core team, handling 195 requests, doing once for benefit of many

Size and Scale

Total cost of policing forensics ~£400m p/a

2018/19-20/21 Transforming Forensics Programme granted £38.45m

- FCN main deliverable w/additional ongoing cost of **£5.5m** when launched
- Includes development of the Digital Forensic Science Strategy

Benefits realisation expected at a ratio of **4:1 cashable** once all forces take services and change on offer

Total funding for 2020/21 of £28.6m for digital forensics, FCN and other deliverables

Benefits realisation relating to implementation of DF Strategy from 21/22 conservatively estimated at **6%** (dependent on ongoing CSR investment)

Working with Home Office on CSR bid for post-2021

Future of forensics

A national networked approach is the best way to solve challenges in forensics.

FCN is that approach.

It's not easy or simple, but it's the right thing to do.

Forensics is changing. Join the change.

www.fcn.police.uk

