

## **ACTION PLAN ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CJI REPORT**

**An inspection of Forensic Services in Northern Ireland  
'It's with Forensics'!**

## **Key Recommendations** - **S**trategic and **O**perational

No.	Report Ref	Recommendation	Lead Agency	Accepted Y/N	Proposed Action	Milestone/ Target Date	Update
SR1	paragraph 2.14	The Forensic Services Programme Board should develop an agreed strategic plan for implementation of the service delivery model (SDM) which should be presented to the Criminal Justice Board within one year of publication of this report. It should include business appraisal of options.	DoJ	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fingerprint enhancement &amp; Firearms Projects to complete</li> <li>Option appraisal to be completed to set out analysis &amp; preferred option for approval at FSPB</li> <li>FSPB to agree on next steps for SDM and plan to be developed and approved by FSPB</li> <li>Updated plan to be presented to CJB</li> </ul>	<p>30 Apr 2024</p> <p>31 May 2024</p> <p>31 Dec 2024</p> <p>28 Feb 2025</p>	



					<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Twice yearly reports on progress to be provided to FSPB</li><li>• PSNI SSB services to engage with SPA and Garda forensic support services and carry out a comparative analysis of service provision and report on findings.</li></ul>	Update Reports September 2024 and March 2025  30 Sep 2024	
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SR4	paragraph 3.40	Forensic Science Northern Ireland and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, in consultation with the Public Prosecution Service, should develop a Plan on extending the application of proportionality from crime scene to Court. The Plan should be presented to the Forensic Services Programme Board within six months of the publication. Implementation of the Plan should be completed within one year of agreement. It should include an action plan to implement the Attorney General's Guidance on early consultation between the Public Prosecution Service and Reporting Officers	PSNI	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working group set up to suggest policy in relation to proportionality of recovered evidence at the crime scene. This should be based on Gateway policy and impact evidence for best value. This should be a collaboration between PPS, Reporting Officers, Gateway Staff and take into account the Attorney General's Guidance on Early Engagement.</li> </ul>	30 Apr 2024	



OR1	paragraph 3.23	The Police Service of Northern Ireland should consult with Forensic Science Northern Ireland and the Public Prosecution Service, as part of the Working Together project, to maximise the benefits of forensic case conferences. Enhanced training and development should be available to Senior Investigating Officers	PSNI	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSNI to be included as appropriate in the PSNI/PPS Working Together Project</li> <li>• Best practice guidance draft for Case Conferences to be created in conjunction with SIOs</li> <li>• FSNI Customer &amp; Stakeholder training &amp; awareness plans for 2024/25 to include SIO Training</li> </ul>	<p>As required</p> <p>31 Mar 2025</p> <p>31 Mar 2025</p>	
OR2	paragraph 3.50	The Forensic Services Programme Board should develop a joint approach to quality assurance including a plan for retaining and extending quality accreditation by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service	FSNI	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the role/remit of the current cross organisation quality working group – develop an agreed</li> </ul>	31 May 2024	

					<p>TOR and rename e.g Quality Improvement Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twice yearly updates to be provided to FSPB</li> </ul>	<p>Update Reports September 2024 and March 2025</p>	
OR3	paragraph 4.17	The Forensic Services Programme Board should complete the implementation of the Value Project	DoJ/ PSNI	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review current Value Project for scope and outcomes</li> <li>FSPB to agree scope of Value Project to be delivered in 2024/25</li> </ul>	<p>31 May 2024</p> <p>30 Sep 2024</p>	
OR4	paragraph 4.24	The Department of Justice, Forensic Science Northern Ireland and the Police Service of Northern Ireland should develop a plan for joint	FSNI	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review <sup>2</sup>JIDG TOR and agree innovation and</li> </ul>	<p>30 Sep 2024</p>	

<sup>2</sup> Joint Innovation Delivery Group - has PPS, PSNI (SSB & CC) and FSNI representation.



		agreement on research and development within six months of publication of this report. The Forensic Services Programme Board should have oversight of implementation			development programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation &amp; Development Pillar within FSS subject to annual reporting</li> </ul>	31 Mar 2025	
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