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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2025/630 - Forensic Collision Investigation Network (FCIN)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. North Wales Police are the host force of the Forensic Collision Investigation Network (FCIN). The network appears to have been in existence under North Wales Police as host since 2020.

Please clarify what the FCIN current full establishment (in FTE) is and how many of your current team have been with the FCIN since its inception in 2020.

FCIN currently has a FTE of 37.4, 6 of those have been here since inception.

2. The purpose of creating the FCIN was as follows;

"The Forensic Collision Investigation Network (FCIN) S22a legal agreement details the collaborative model, hosted by North Wales Police.

Forces are asked to sign the agreement to formalise the national agreement and begin the journey to on-board to the FCIN and achieve ISO 17020 accreditation in Forensic Collision Investigation by October 2022."

How many police forces obtained ISO 17020 accreditation in Forensic Collision Investigation by October 2022?

None. At that time there was a lead force model where only one force would be required to obtain accreditation on behalf of all forces. This was prior to implementation of the FSR Act which commenced in Oct 2023.

And, how many forces have attained ISO 17020 accreditation in Forensic Collision Investigation to date? (June 2025).

There is currently no requirement for forces to obtain accreditation to ISO 17020 for Forensic Collision Investigation. The FSR Statutory Code FSA INC101 is in Section D2 of the Code i.e. FSAs to which the Code does not apply. The FSR Collision Investigation Subgroup is currently advising the FSR regarding the specific requirements for INC101 and a suitable means of compliance i.e. holding providers to account. It is anticipated that INC101 will be included in V3 of the FSR Statutory Code.

3. What is the total cost of the FCIN per year, from inception (2020) to current date?

FY 20/21 - £1,248,653.18

FY 21/22 - £2,753,286.59

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FY 22/23 – £2,218,162.72
FY 23/24 – £2,774,588.47
FY 24/25 – £2,993,863.36

Of that cost, please clarify how much of that expenditure relates to;

a) Staff & Officer Pay

FY 20/21 £324,285.64
FY 21/22 £963,590.88
FY 22/23 £1,412,431.63
FY 23/24 £2,156,340.99
FY 24/25 £2,115,164.96

b) Travel & Associated Subsistence

Below are the Transport Costs:

FY 20/21 £35,633.94
FY 21/22 £62,548.45
FY 22/23 £58,538.07
FY 23/24 £58,550.83
FY 24/25 £95,048.51

Below is further analysis that was available for both travel & subsistence:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Grand Total	£47,974.85	£120,039.93	£112,000.40	£96,378.73

c) External consultancy/Contractors

External Consultancy was utilised to run the programme from its inception until 2023

This data is not currently available separately

£17,200.00 was incurred during FY 24/25

4. Do the FCIN accurately follow a nationally approved Police Pay Structure? If so, which one?

The FCIN roles are job evaluated and graded through the North Wales Police Pay Structure

5. How many variations of the collaboration agreement (s.22) have existed since inception of the FCIN,

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and have all UK police forces/collaborations signed the current agreement?

No - one region signed on behalf of forces within their region, this region isn't a formal collaboration.

6. From open Source research, it appears that the FCIN are responsible for the following;

"6. The responsibilities of FCIN are set out in Schedule 1 and include the following key services:

6.1. Centralised Scientific Development, Validation and Application 6.2. National Test Centre Activities including Competency Testing 6.3. Auditing 6.4. FCIN internal

**quality management 6.5. National Forces Account Management and Engagement
6.6. Proficiency Testing/ILC**

Please clarify the following points;

a) What is the estimated date for completion of centralised scientific development, validation and application?

This is an enduring service that will not come to an end

b) How many competency assessments have been carried out by the FCIN in the last 12 months?

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c) How many audits have been carried out by the FCIN in the last 12 months?

17

d) How many proficiency tests have been implemented/delivered in the last 12 months?

None – PT has been paused at Network's request to sequence it better with the adoption of scientific services

7. Has the FCIN ever failed to meet their requirements / responsibilities under the terms of the S.22 Agreement? (i.e. agreed output, timelines, project deliverables, milestones).

Yes

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