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Forensic Services Committee Public Action Log

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MEETING HELD 30 October 2025					
20253010 - FSC - 001	Incremental Rollout of Roadside Testing: Bring a further update to the next committee on the Incremental Rollout of Roadside Testing.	Chief Superintendent Scott McCarren	OPEN	7 May 2026	<p>20.01.2026: The incremental expansion of drug-wipe roadside testing commenced in the Aberdeenshire North and East Ayrshire on 24 October 2025.</p> <p>A total of 32 officers were trained in drug-wipe testing and field impairment testing. Administration and governance structures were implemented to support Local Policing to manage the new specialist skill set and partners agencies such as the NHS, COPFS and SPA Forensic Services partner Eurofins Laboratories were engaged throughout to ensure targeted support measures were in place.</p> <p>As of 10 January 2026, the incremental expansion has not reached the expected demand with a total of 38 drug-wipes used with 19 positive roadside samples and 19 negative samples. This is providing a 50% hit rate (Compared to National average of 57%).</p>

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					<p>East Ayrshire has reported 14 of the positive samples with Aberdeenshire North contributing 5 positive samples.</p> <p>A meeting with Local Policing representatives on 14 January 2026 highlighted that challenging operational policing demands was preventing officers from carrying out vehicle stops which would provide further information to determine local demand.</p> <p>It has been agreed with the SPA FSC Chair that a further update will come to the 7 May 2026.</p>
20253010 - FSC - 002	Digital Forensics – Next Steps and Timeline for Progression: Report back on timelines, inform members on how the critical nature of risk has been managed along with additional key updates.	Chief Superintendent Andrew Patrick	OPEN	7 May 2026	24.11.2025: DCS Patrick requested that the due date for this report be 7 May 2026, to allow time to progress this request. Agreed with SPA FSC Chair.

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