

County lines scenario

The role of the FCN in improving the response to tackling gangs and closing off supply lines.



| 2019 | 2025 | Key benefits |
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|  <p>Victims & communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Inconsistent response · Perception of increasing scale & lack of control · Slow or no identifications or prosecutions · Disproportionate, widespread impact on communities |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Access to improved technology and systems · Improved cross-border working · Seamless, co-ordinated investigations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Increased victim satisfaction and public confidence  Reduced fear of crime  Improved community cohesion and welfare  Better protection of the vulnerable |
|  <p>Frontline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Inconsistent ability to examine devices · Ad-hoc cross-border response · Intelligence gaps · Inconsistent approach |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Agreed national strategy · Improved, consistent tools & systems · Faster device examination · Evidence available when needed · Real-time information · Improved intelligence · Seamless, coordinated & borderless investigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Faster forensic results  Reduced investigation times  Increased capacity and resilience to manage high priority and volume crime  Capacity released to support other work |
|  <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Public pressure for results · Public pressure for consistency in service · Insufficient staff & resources · Increasing crime |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Seamless, coordinated & borderless investigation · Strategic national approach · High quality evidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Saved time, effort and money  Reduced pressures on people and resources  Greater disruption of organised crime groups |
|  <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Significant pressures on safeguarding · Increasing drain on public funds |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Consistent national approach · Speaking with a single voice · Timely access to evidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Reduced pressure on social services  Released capacity to support other services  Easier partnership working  Increased confidence in ability of public services |
|  <p>Wider criminal justice system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Inconsistent quality of evidence · Lack of evidence to support cases · Late disclosure |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improved evidence · Consistent national approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Meeting court case deadlines  Cases resolved more swiftly at lower cost  More successful prosecutions |