

# An introduction to the Forensic Capability Network – opportunities for research, ideas and current challenges

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### Learning Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the role of the FCN.
- Discuss current forensic research of relevance to the forensic medical setting.
- Determine new research ideas and current challenges.