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POLICE

Response Date:20/10/2026

2026/1037 - Forensic examination

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please detail the number of digital devices (e.g. mobile phones, computers, storage devices) awaiting forensic examination by your force as of 30th September 2026, including how many of these devices have been waiting more than 6 months and more than 12 months.

Please also provide data from the previous year as of 30th September 2025, if held.

We are unable to identify a point in time calculation i.e. 30th September 2025 or 2026, and can only provide data as of the date the report was ran.

Number of devices awaiting computers, mobiles and other as of 15/10/2026 (we do not have anything currently in our queue older than 6 months that is waiting to be started):

Computer 11, Mobile 336, Other 38

Number of devices submitted over a 12 month period:

2026 (Cases 1274) - Computer 171, Mobile 1304, Other 444 (up to 15/10/2026)
2025 (Cases 1757) - Computer 246, Mobile 1757, Other 663
2024 (Cases 1540) - Computer 222, Mobile 1483, Other 647
2023 (Cases 1845) - Computer 320, Mobile 1906, Other 757
2022 (Cases 1876) - Computer 243, Mobile 2000, Other 740
2021 (Cases 1898) - Computer 300, Mobile 2129, Other 857
2020 (Cases 2067) - Computer 440, Mobile 2767, Other 1074

Average turn around time (days) for completed cases be it computer/mixed media examination or mobile extraction over a 12 month period:

2026 Computer/Mixed Media – 83 Days
2026 Mobile Extraction – 55 Days

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 15/10/2026