



# Forensic Science Regulator

## FSR Notification: No. 02/2023

### Issue

The status of the Council for the Registration of Forensic Science Practitioners (CRFP) register.

### Background

A recent referral to the Regulator highlighted that a forensic practitioner was using the terminology “I am included on the list of Forensic Practitioners held by the Forensic Regulator.” The forensic practitioner believed that the Regulator was holding a legacy CRFP register of forensic practitioners but could provide no evidence that he was included on such a register.

The CRFP ceased to operate in 2009, however due to confidentiality agreements that register could not and was not provided to the non-statutory Regulator.

In order to assist with consulting with previously registered practitioners, the non-statutory Regulator invited practitioners in 2009 to write in to be on a temporary register for that purpose.

The statutory Regulator has established that even if any approaches were made to be included on a list, no records of applications are currently held and no such register is held by the statutory Regulator.

### Changes

The Regulator wishes to make clear that a register of forensic practitioners is not part of the statutory regulation of forensic science or the Code of Practice. Any claims to be included on a list of forensic practitioners held by the Regulator would be misleading and inaccurate. The Regulator would consider this a significant breach of the Code and would take appropriate action under the provisions of the Forensic Science Regulator Act 2021 against any individual who made this claim.

### Process and Date of Implementation

With immediate effect from the date of this Regulatory Notice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Pugh".

**Mr Gary Pugh OBE**

Date: 18 Dec 2023