



# FIREARMS FOCAL POINTS (FFP'S)



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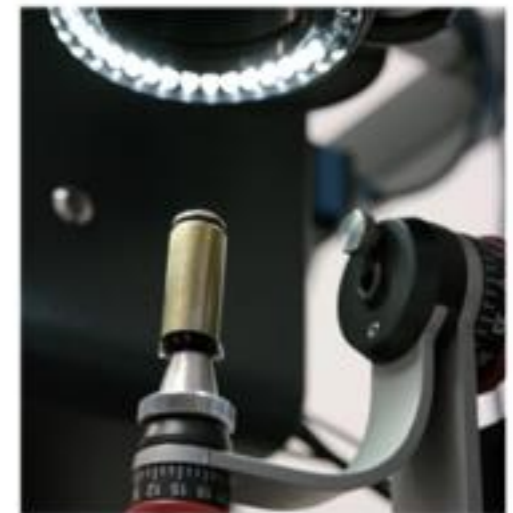


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# Terms of Reference for a Firearms Focal Point

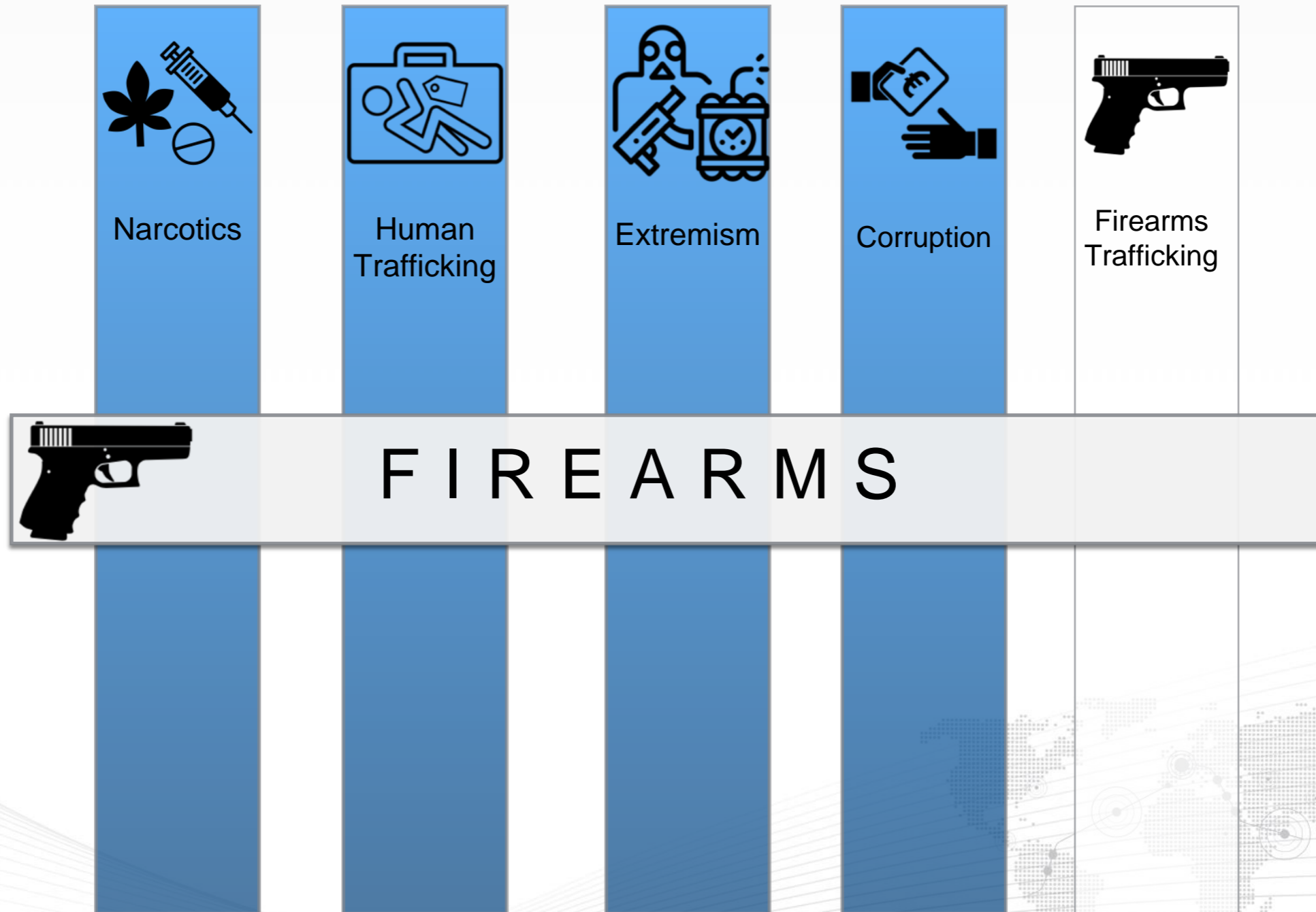
“To provide an integrated tactical and strategic intelligence service that informs and supports law enforcement agencies in better understanding and effectively tackling firearms crime, minimising the risk locally and internationally”

Can be a dedicated unit or a collection of multiple disciplines across various departments working within a common framework (virtual unit)



# Firearms Focal Point (FFP)

Why do we need FFP's?



# Key Activities of a Firearms Focal Point

- Analysing the significance of recovered ballistic items
- Researching firearms, ammunition and their origins
- Building knowledge and understanding of firearms crime
- Intelligence coordination
- Developing the 'Big Picture'



# Key Functions and Outputs of a Firearms Focal Point

- Collation and integration of a comprehensive, up to date intelligence dataset on firearms and ballistic intelligence
- Strategic intelligence assessments describing the scale and nature of firearms related criminality
- Intelligence packages for investigations and operations targeting firearms criminals
- Development of recommendations to divert and prevent firearms criminality
- Provision of an international firearms tracing service
- Point of contact and centre of expertise on firearms for national, regional and international partners



## Essential that proper scoping is conducted prior to establishing FFP

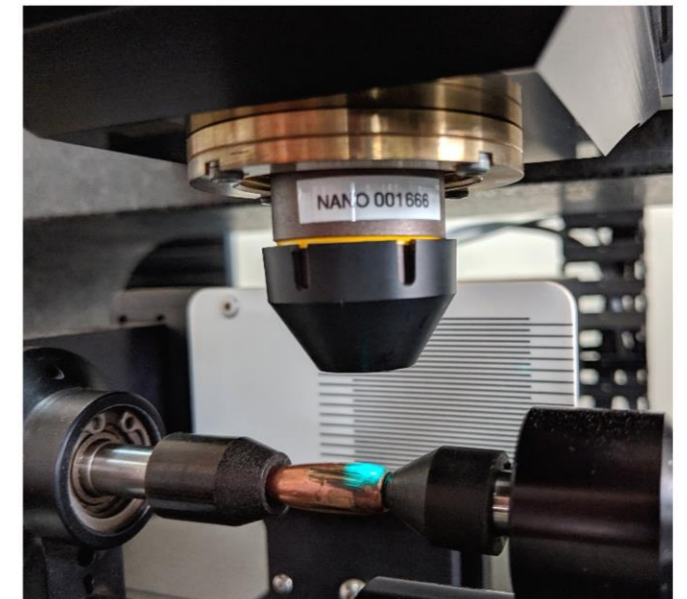


- Define current intelligence capability on SALW crime
- Assessment of existing IT systems and databases
- Identify all potential sources of 'Ballistic Intelligence'
- Review security protocols and operating procedures for exchange of information
- Undertake skills profile analysis of staff working in SALW control
- Understand the relationship and intelligence interchange between the Forensic Agency, Police, Border agency, Intelligence Service and local actors
- Understand the role of the Prosecutor
- Identify suitable lead agency
- Identify barriers to success

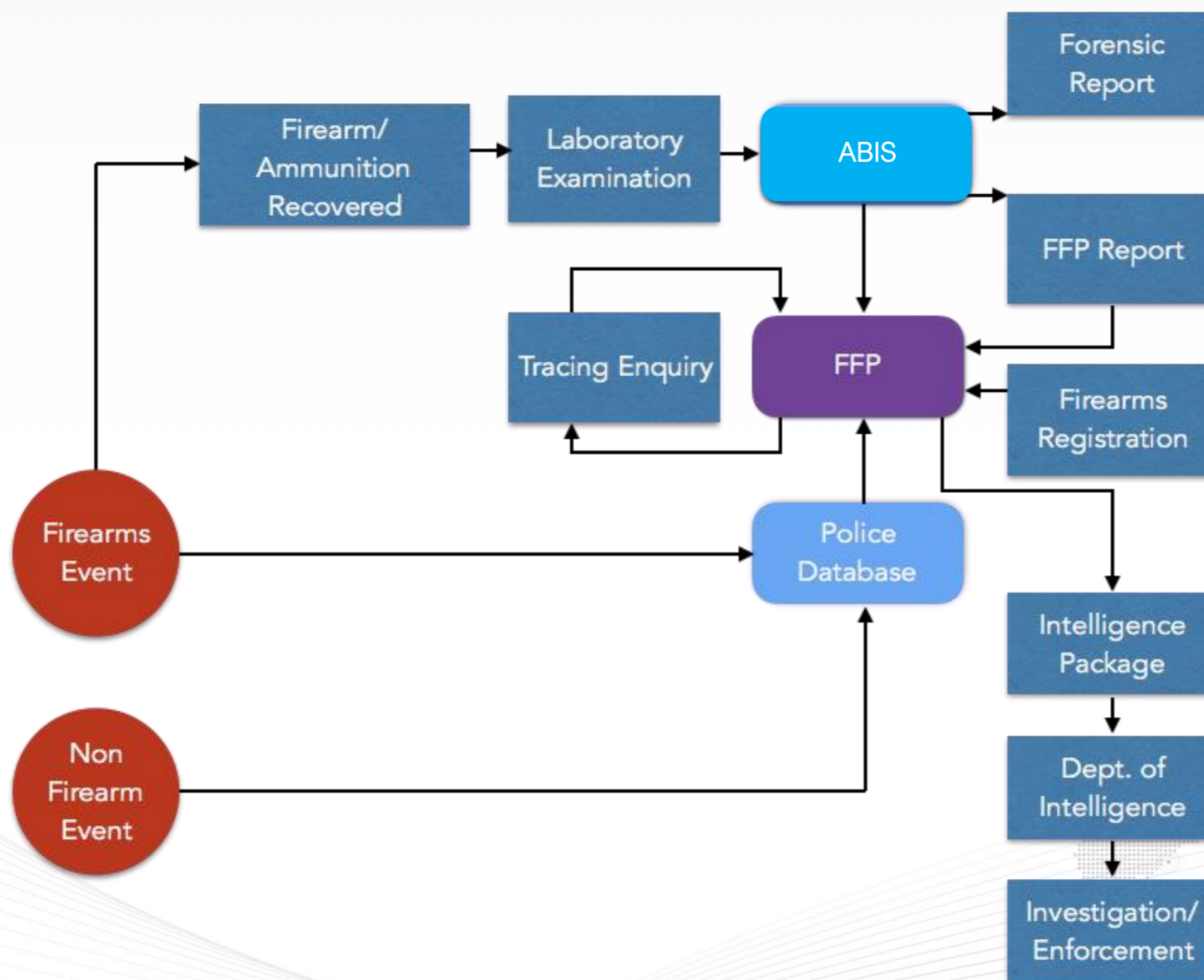


## The evolution of FFP's since 2012

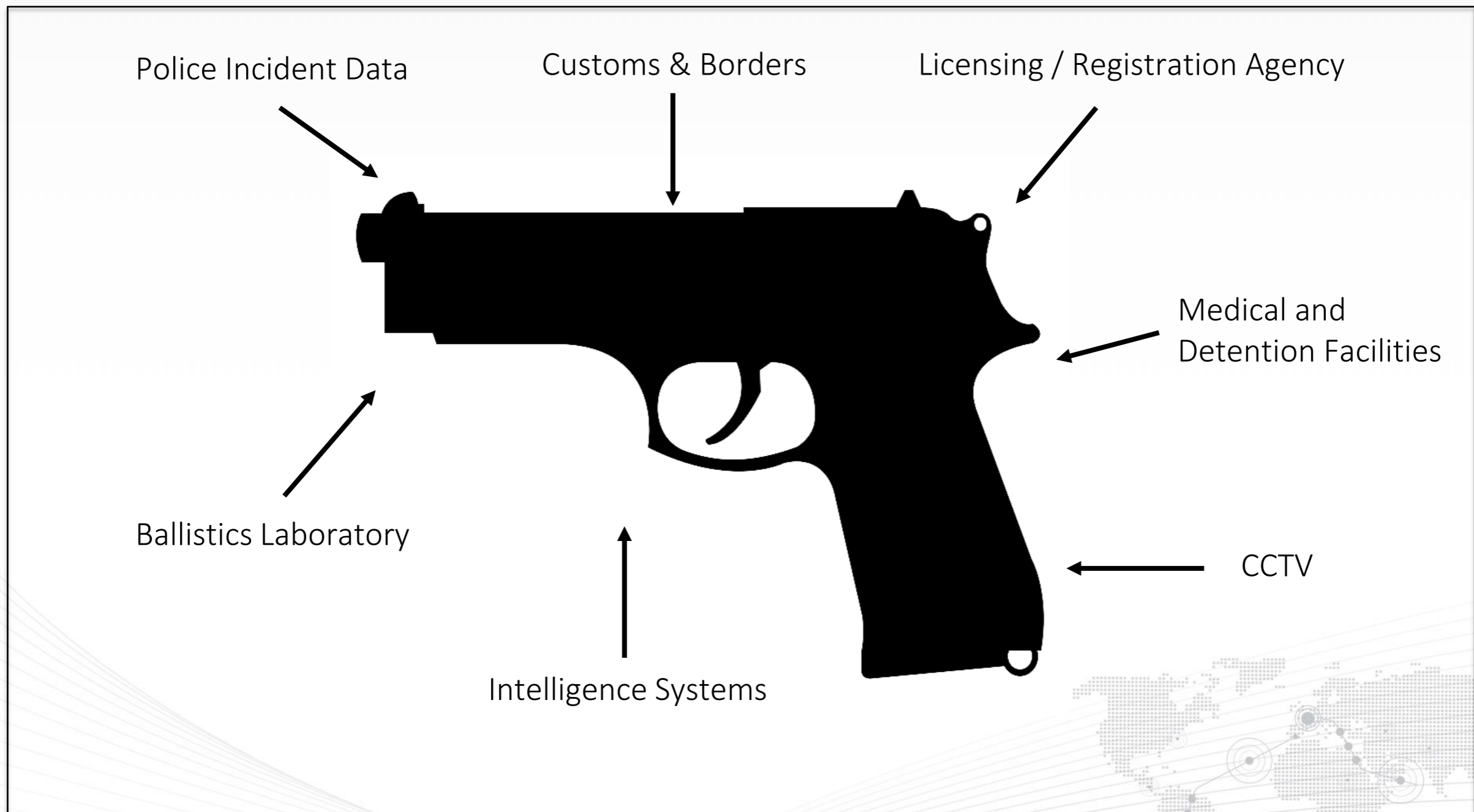
- EU funded Project EFFECT recommended establishment of FFP's in all EU Countries
- 2016 Pilot project for FFP in Kosovo concluded – first ever integration of IBIS with i2 to deliver 'one stop shop'
- 2017 – Rollout of FFP's to Western Balkan Countries
- 2018 – European Union mandates all EU Countries to establish FFP by end of 2020
- 2019 – Interpol / Europol project to further develop central FFP to share gun crime intelligence internationally



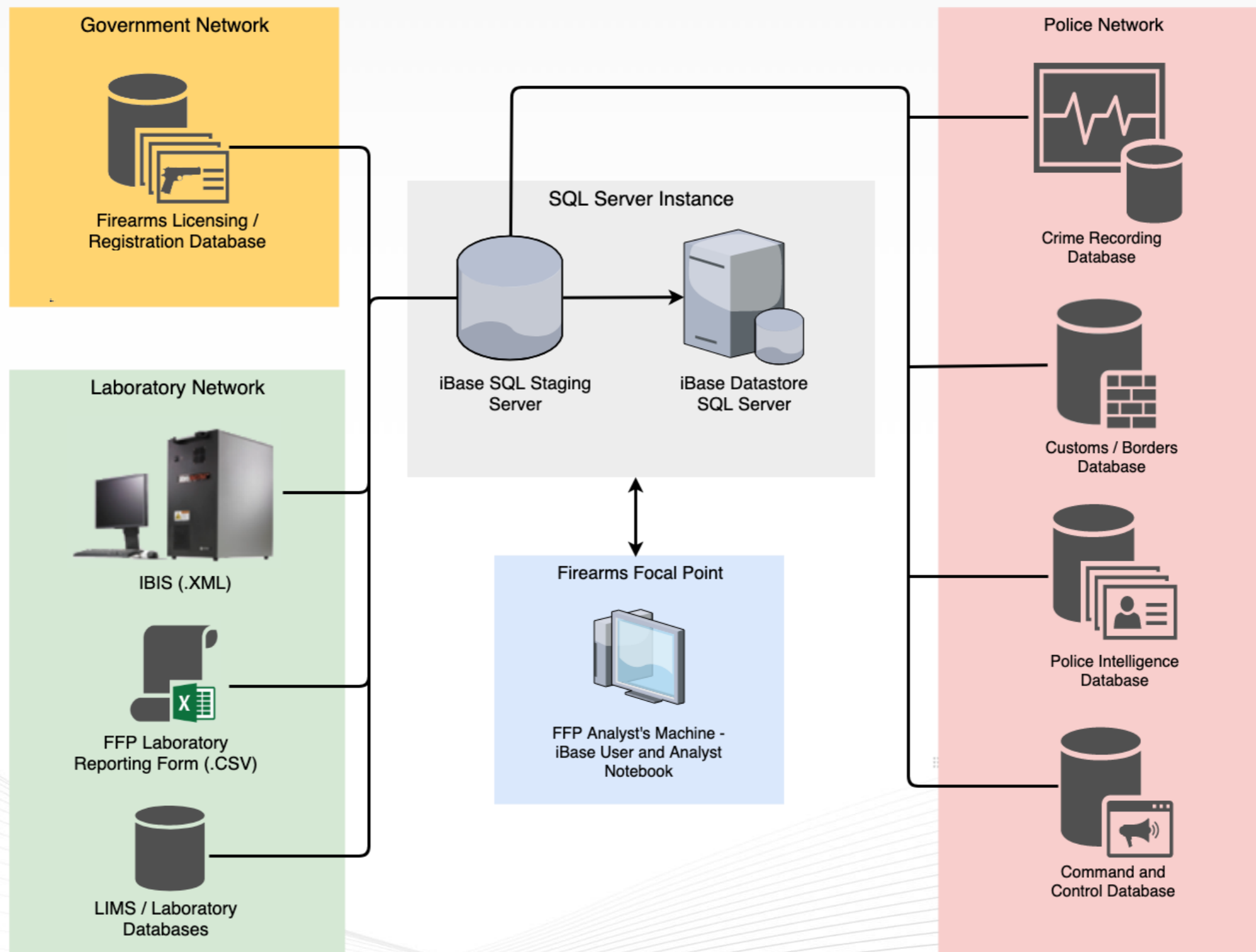
## Flow of Information in a Firearms Focal Point



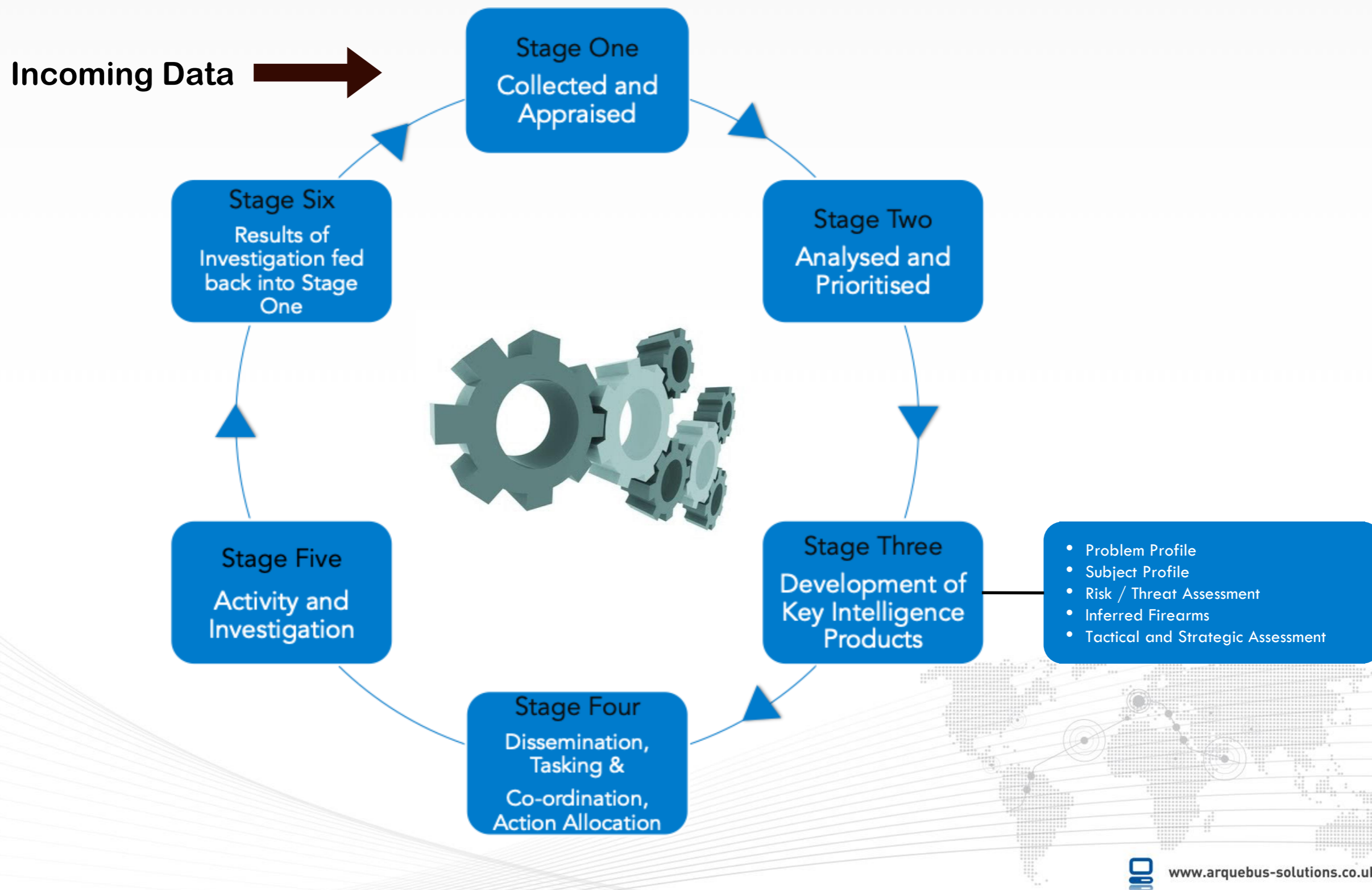
## Ballistics Intelligence – Data Sources



## Firearms Focal Point Data Infrastructure



## Firearms Focal Point - Cycle of Intelligence



# Thank You



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