



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 9 May 2016. Your request has been handled under Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In accordance with Section 1(1) (a) of the Act I hereby confirm that the CNC/CNPA does hold information of the type specified.

Please could you tell me what E-mail client your Force uses and the version number? For example Outlook 2007 or Lotus Notes v.6

Also, can you tell me whether or not your Force uses an programme/application to add the GPMS / GSC classification of the e-mail and if so what programme/application this is? For example Titus Security Classifier.

CNC utilise Lotus Notes email with customisation of the mail template which provides for mail classification in line with GSC and diverse routing.

The version that CNC utilise is exempt under 24 (National Security)

The threat from terrorism cannot be ignored. It is generally recognized that the international security landscape is increasingly complex and unpredictable. Since 2006 the UK Government has published the threat level based upon current intelligence and that threat is currently at "severe".

The release of this level of detail into the public domain is likely to assist potential terrorists, thus seriously threatening national security. Members of the criminal fraternity are also likely to benefit from the disclosure as it will increase the publicly available knowledge of the capabilities of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, potentially making it easier to commit offences. Disclosure of the information could also assist with the disruption to an unlawful activity, whether that activity is terrorist related or not.

The disclosure would therefore be likely to make it easier to commit offences and could compromise the CNC IT Security.

Public Interest Test

Considerations favouring disclosure under Section 24

Disclosure of this information is in the public interest as this would assure the public that the technology that CNC utilize is up-to-date.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 24

Disclosure of this information could enable individuals to infiltrate the CNC network and compromise the security of that network.

Balance Test

Whilst I acknowledge that there is a legitimate public interest in disclosing the information requested, the Police Service will not divulge information if to do so will prejudice national security and put at risk the security of its IT network. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing operations and in this case providing assurance that the police service is appropriately and effectively secure in their IT networks, there is a strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of the police in this highly sensitive area.

Having weighed up the competing arguments, I have concluded that on this occasion the public interest is best served by maintaining the exemptions afforded by Sections 24. I have therefore decided to refuse this request.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 11 civil nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales and over 1400 police officers and staff. The Constabulary headquarters is at Culham in Oxfordshire. The civil nuclear industry forms part of the UK's critical national infrastructure and the role of the Constabulary contribute to the overall framework of national security.

The purpose of the Constabulary is to protect licensed civil nuclear sites and to safeguard nuclear material in transit. The Constabulary works in partnership with the appropriate Home Office Police Force or Police Scotland at each site. Policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). Armed policing services are required at most civil nuclear sites in the United Kingdom. The majority of officers in the Constabulary are Authorised Firearms Officers.

The Constabulary is recognised by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS). Through the National Coordinated Policing Protocol, the Constabulary has established memorandums of understanding with the local police forces at all 10 Operational Policing Units. Mutual support and assistance enable the Constabulary to maintain focus on its core role.

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write in the first instance to:

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E-mail: FOI@cnc.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the CNPA.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address below:

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Yours sincerely

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