



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 2 November 2015. 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 not hold information of the type specified.

Please could you advise me:

- (a) How many requests are received for emergency use dispensations annually by each of the three emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)?**
- (b) Who makes decisions as to whether such requests are EHCR and policy compliant?**
- (c) What training the decision maker receives to assist this process?**
- (d) What approximate rank or pay grade is the decision maker?**
- (e) How many decision makers there are?**
- (f) If there is an appeals process?**
- (g) Do either of the other Emergency services have devolved ability to dispense NIPs without Police input?**
- (h) Does the system work any differently for internal Police alleged offenders and if so how?**

To clarify:

NIPs are Notices of Intended Prosecution. The ones I am interested in are those normally generated by mobile or static enforcement cameras (such as speed limits or traffic lights). Most forces have a basic assessment followed by the automatic issue of NIPs after which alleged offending emergency drivers seek to avail themselves of exemption from prosecution afforded by the legislation.

I am interested in these processes.

I would just like a years' worth of data and would prefer 2014.

If you have any data on the actual number of Police, Fire or Ambulance personnel prosecuted where the dispensation was not applied for or refused it would be useful. Obviously if this data is not kept or too onerous to gather I appreciate that it will not be available.

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 11 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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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
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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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