



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 3 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.

1. **Documents recording your force's policy on the provision of appropriate adults to the following categories of detainee:**
 - (a) **Children detained under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 ('MHA');**
 - (b) **Adults detained under section 136 of the MHA;**
 - (c) **Children detained under PACE;**
 - (d) **Adults detained under PACE.**
2. **Your equality impact assessments concerning the above policies.**
3. **Documents (training notes, handouts, Powerpoint slides, etc) used to train or instruct your custody sergeants as to when and in what circumstances they should call an appropriate adult to attend the above categories of detainee.**
4. **The following information for the most recent 12 month period (or such other period for which information is available):**
 - (a) **The number of children detained by your force under section 136 MHA;**
 - (b) **Of those children, the number who were provided with an appropriate adult;**
 - (c) **The number of adults detained by your force under section 136 MHA;**
 - (d) **Of those adults, the number who were provided with an appropriate adult.**
5. **Over the last 5 years, or such other period for which you are able to provide information, please confirm how many of your officers have been spat at whilst on duty. In each instance please confirm:**
 - (a) **The year in which the incident took place;**
 - (b) **The circumstances in which the spitting took place;**
 - (c) **Any medical condition developed by the officer as a result of being spat at, the treatment they received and any lasting injury suffered.**
6. **Whether any of your officers are authorised to use 'spit hoods' or similar devices as described at pages 82 and 83 of Module 4 of the ACPO Personal Safety Manual.**
 - (a) **If some or all of your officers are authorised to use a spit hoods please provide copies of:**

- (i) Your equality impact assessment concerning your policy on the use of spit hoods;
 - (ii) Guidance and training documents issued to officers concerning the use of spit hoods;
 - (iii) Minutes of meetings at which the use of spit hoods was discussed;
 - (iv) Risk assessments;
 - (v) Internal and external correspondence regarding the use of spit hoods.
- (b) If some or all of your officers are authorised to use a spit hoods please also provide the following information for the most recent 12 month period or such other period for which information is available:
- (i) The number of adults upon whom spit hoods were used during detentions under PACE;
 - (ii) The number of adults upon whom spit hoods were used during detentions under the MHA;
 - (iii) The number of children upon whom spit hoods were used during detentions under PACE;
 - (iv) The number of adults upon whom spit hoods were used during detentions under the MHA.
- (c) If none of your officers are authorised to use spit hoods please confirm the rationale for this position and provide relevant documents.
7. Details of any equipment issued to you officers aimed at mitigating the risk of being spat at other than spit hoods e.g. goggles or facemasks to be used by the officers themselves.

The answer to all of the above is Zero

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)
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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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