



# CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 12 October 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. The answer to all of the below are zero.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act I request information about strip searches of children aged 17 years old or younger conducted by your police force. My definition of "strip search" relates to both:**

- a) 'More thorough searches', as part of a stop and search, where the officer deems it necessary that the subject removes more than outer coat, jacket or gloves (as outlined in PACE, Code A, 3.6); and**
- b) 'Searches involving exposure of intimate parts of the body' as part of a stop and search where the person removes all or most of their clothing (as outlined in PACE, Code A, 3.7).**

**Please provide the following information:**

**Q1. The total number of incidents of strip searching of children aged 17 years old or younger while in police custody in (a) 2015 and (b) 2016 (from 1st January 2016 up to and including 1st October 2016).**

**Q2. Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by age.**

**Q3. Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by type of search.**

**Q3. Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by presence of appropriate adult or carer during the intimate strip search.**

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](mailto: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  
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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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