



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 6 September 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.

1) Can you please provide with me the number of cases that have been taken out against the CNC by serving police officers and were found not to be "work related", in the last 10 years.

Of those "non work related" cases can you please confirm the number that were handled and a conclusion made by an independent party outside of the CNC, (not another officer in the CNC)

This is exempt under S12(1) Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit. Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The primary purpose for reporting / reviewing incidents is to ascertain whenever it is possible to learn lessons and instigate recommendations to prevent a re-occurrence. Ancillary matters such as whether an injury would be discountable under the attendance management policy is not undertaken for each incident reported and is not recorded. To ascertain if an incident may be considered discountable under the attendance management policy would involve an examination of all of the material gathered for that incident. Some of which will be retained at HQ and or the unit concerned. Additionally, files are not retained at HQ / Units for longer than 3 years and would be archived under local arrangements. It is highly likely that files beyond 6 years have in any event been disposed of. Looking at the databases indicates that a minimum of 300 reports would have to be reviewed for each year. The files vary considerably in length and even without seeking any local information a trial review of a small sample has indicated that it would take on average thirty minutes to review and assess the information and this assumes no further information is needed or that time / effort would not be required to acquire reports previously archived.

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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