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Dear

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

1. In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to suspected offences relating to forced marriages? This may include, but not be limited to, suspected offences of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse in the context of a forced marriage.

(To help identify these cases, a monitoring flag may have been applied to the case record if the suspected offence has been carried out in the context of a forced marriage. The CPS identifies forced marriage cases using this monitoring flag, so I presume police forces may do the same.)

2.

Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases and the number of them who were aged 15 or under?

(I mean the total age range across all cases, so there is no chance of identification of victims. For instance, there may have been 20 cases investigated, with 9 of the reported victims being 15 or under and the reported victims being aged between 9 and 25. By 'reported victims' I mean the people who the police suspected were being forced into marriages.)

3.

How many of the reported victims in these cases were female? How many were male?

How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?

5.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants in these cases were charged in relation to offences relating to forced marriages?

6.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS?

7.

Please can you disclose how many of these prosecutions resulted in defendants being found guilty of any of the offences.

Please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.

8.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to the specific offence of forced marriage, which was created by section 121 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and came into force in June 2014?

Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases, the number of them who were aged 15 or under and the number who were male and female?

How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?

11.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants were charged in relation to this specific offence of forced marriage?

12.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS and how many resulted in convictions?

If there were any convictions, please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.

13.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to breaches of forced marriage protection orders?

14.

Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases, the number of them who were aged 15 or under and the number who were male and female?

How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?

16.

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants were charged in relation to breaches of forced marriage protection orders?

In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS and how many resulted in convictions?

If there were any convictions, please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 10 civil nuclear sites in England and Scotland 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:

Sarah Shevlin Disclosures Officer CNC Culham Science Centre Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3DB

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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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