

## CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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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 not hold information of the type specified. The answer to all of the below are zero.

This request relates to individuals being caught in possession of a corrosive/noxious substance, commonly referred to as "acid", as a suspected offensive weapon.

- 1. Please state the total number of times an individual has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.
- 2. Please state the total number of times an individual aged under 16 has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.
- 3. Please state the total number of times an individual aged 16-17 has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.
- 4. Please state the total number of times a pupil on school premises (please include all educational establishments up to age 18, including primary and secondary schools, PRUs, sixth form colleges etc) has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.

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:

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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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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