



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 does hold information of the type specified.

I am contacting you under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to request the following information regarding whether you have a tender and contract for hair, blood, urine and oral fluid drug and alcohol testing. The information we require includes both instant and samples submitted to a laboratory (not roadside testing).

Your tender may also be known as toxicology testing, drug and alcohol testing or substance misuse testing service. To help you, I am outlining my request as specifically as possible for the following:

- 1. A full copy of the most recent tender issued for hair, blood, urine and oral fluid drug and alcohol testing in a laboratory (not roadside testing).**
- 2. The contract value, where possible.**
- 3. The start and end date of the most recent winning contract, plus any contract extensions.**
- 4. The organisation who won and currently delivers your drug and alcohol testing contract.**
- 5. A list of the companies who submitted to the tender process and their ranking and scores.**
- 6. The name of the person or team members who makes the decision within your police force to award hair, blood, urine and oral fluid drug and alcohol testing contracts.**

1 This is exempt under Section 43 (Commercial Interests) please see below

2 Awarded as an estimated £60k over the 4 year term according to usage – Actual value to date averages at £5k per annum

3 Start 1st April 2019 Expiry Date: 31st March 2021 with the option to extend a further 2 years until 31st March 2023

4 Alere Toxicology Plc change of Company name to - Abbott Toxicology

5 Direct Award under NHS Shared Business Services Ltd (NHS SBS)
6 Occupational Health and Wellbeing Department

The information for question 1 has been exempt under Section 43 (commercial interests). The information relates to and would have an impact on commercial activity within a competitive environment where supply/costs/prices and the resulting quality/specification of product/service are often used as a differential between competitors.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test. Whilst there is clearly public interest in the scrutiny of how public money is spent, it is felt that disclosure could prejudice the bargaining position of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, specifically that it could affect the Constabulary's commercial ability to negotiate on price

The decision has been made that it is in the greater interest of the public that the Constabulary is able to ensure best value for money.

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:

Kristina Keefe
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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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