



# CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

## Email

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

- 1. Please confirm whether your force in the last 12 months has evaluated and/or trialed, or is in the process of evaluating and or/trialling, body worn video cameras with facial recognition technology. (To be clear, this means body cameras that have an additional capability of being able to scan faces and notify police when a particular individual is recognised; it excludes current generation body cameras that are used solely to record interactions.)**
- 2. Where such evaluation and/or trial has taken place or is taking place, please provide details of which system or systems is being looked at by your force.**
- 3. Where such evaluation and/or trial has taken place, please provide a copy of the resulting evaluation report or assessment.**

1. The CNC is considering BWV as future operational capability. However there are no current or future planned operational requirements for BWV with Facial Recognition Technology.

2. The CNC are currently considering BWV as future operational capability and several systems are currently under trial. There are no current or future planned operational requirements for BWV with Facial Recognition Technology, no trials of BWV cameras with this feature have taken place/or are planned to take place.

3. The CNC are currently considering BWV as future operational capability and several systems are currently under trial. There are no current or future planned operational requirements for BWV with Facial Recognition Technology. No trials of BWV cameras with Facial Recognition have taken place/or are planned to take place, therefore there are no relevant evaluation reports or assessments.

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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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  
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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