



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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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.

Please treat this email as a request under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FoIA).

I request a copy of your force's policy and/or procedure on the use of the Airwave digital radio network. I would like to receive this in a format accessible to a screenreader (e.g. not a scanned PDF).

Please find attached a copy of our Airwave Policy.

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
Kristina Keefe
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Civil Nuclear Constabulary Policy



POLICY STATEMENT

In common with all UK police forces, other emergency services and Agencies, the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) uses Airwave as a primary radio communications medium. Airwave technology enables interoperability of radio communications leading to more effective and efficient command and control of incidents.

Airwave terminals are to be regarded as work equipment as well as being a primary piece of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The CNC is committed, as far as reasonably practicable, to making best use of Airwave technology and will employ an Airwave Manager to ensure that appropriate processes and procedures are in place for the effective;-

- procurement and maintenance of equipment;
- provision of suitable training for operating the equipment, understanding its capabilities and limitations;
- security and integrity of the equipment and communications;
- compliance with relevant legislation and any ancillary Codes of Practice;
- compliance with Regulations, mandated requirements and national guidance e.g. circulars issued by the College of Policing / Home Office / Scottish Office / National Police Chiefs' Council;
- record keeping and reporting requirements for asset management and system usage.