



# 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 about CNC employees.

**The following questions refer to requirements (and include terminology) set out and defined in the College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice guidance document on Vetting. This is attached.**

- 1. Have all officers and staff who joined prior to the adoption of the national vetting policy in 2006 now been retrospectively vetted?**
  - a. If the answer is no, please state the number who have not been retrospectively vetted.**
- 2. How many officers and staff have not been re-vetted at clearance level 'Recruitment Vetting (RV)' [the initial vetting process for police officers, police staff and members of the Special Constabulary, see attached doc for more detail 6.11] after ten years of service in each of the following years:**
  - a. 2018**
  - b. 2019**
  - c. 2020**
  - d. 2021 to date**

1. No

a. 279 shown as outstanding but 88 are in progress leaving a total 191 to be completed. These will all be done by Early 2022.

Officers that joined the CNC prior to 2008 were not subject to police vetting but they were vetted by UKSV for National Security Vetting, to either DV or SC level. Since 2008, all officers and staff who join the CNC are subject to both UKSV and police recruitment vetting, which is carried out on our behalf by Thames Valley Police.

2a. Zero

b. Zero

c. There are 7 for 2020 and these are officers and staff who are long term sick, career breaks etc.

d. There are 55 outstanding for 2021 which would be a normal figure for a current year.

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 1600 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)  
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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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