



# 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 am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the number of police officers within your force who have been medically retired in the past two years in part or fully on mental health grounds.**

**Please would you send me;**

**For 2019;**

**A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired.**

**B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired specifically on mental health grounds.**

**C. A breakdown of the specific mental health issues cited as reasons for medical retirement (including depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

**For 2020;**

**B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired.**

- C. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired specifically on mental health grounds.**
- D. A breakdown of the specific mental health issues cited as reasons for medical retirement (including depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

**For 2021;**

- A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired.**
- B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have been medically retired specifically on mental health grounds.**
- C. A breakdown of the specific mental health issues cited as reasons for medical retirement (including depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

2019

- A. 8
- B. 3 + 2 (Partially)
- C. Depression, PTSD, Psychological illness, anxiety

2020

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. Exempt under section 40(2) personal information.  
This information is exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, would not be consistent with data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

S40 (2) identifying individuals

The information you require to answer this question is exempt. This is because owing to the low numbers of staff involved, disclosing this data may make it possible for individuals to be identified. This information is therefore exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in our view, would not be consistent with data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

2021

- A. 2
- B. 0

C. N/A

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:

Kristina Keefe  
Disclosures Officer  
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Culham Science Centre  
Abingdon  
Oxfordshire  
OX14 3DB

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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