



# 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.

**I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please provide the following information:**

- 1. In each year since 2018 (inclusive), the number of low-risk, medium-risk and high-risk “declarable associations” (or equivalent notifications made regarding a staff member’s association) regarding officers and other staff that have been referred to professional standards units.**
- 2. The number of officers who a) undertook and b) passed, training required to carry a Taser in each year from 2016 to 2021 (inclusive).**
- 3. If you hold the data, please additionally provide the number of officers whose authority to carry a Taser was revoked in each year.**
- 4. The number of covert human intelligence sources (CHIS) your officers had any contact with whose position or intelligence purpose was related to protest/demonstrations. Please break this down by year, from 2018 to 2021 (inclusive).**

1. Zero
2. 2016- 2173 competent taser qualifications.  
2017- 3099 competent taser qualifications.

2018- 2307 competent taser qualifications.

2019- 2485 competent taser qualification.

2020- 1823 competent taser qualifications.

2021- 1374 competent taser qualifications.

Please note- officers often do Taser qualifications twice per year depending on when they qualify which results in the amount of qualifications per year being higher than how many officers are employed with the CNC. Also every officer within CNC is required to carry a taser therefore all officers complete a taser qualification and if any are not competent, they are removed from full AFO duties.

3. 2016 - 1 Not competent.

2017 - 0 not competent.

2018 - 1 not competent.

2019 - 0 not competent.

2020 - 3 not competent.

2021 - 3 not competent.

4. Zero

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)  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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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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