



# CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear Requester

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.

## **Your Request:**

**I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

**1. For the provision of your constabulary/force/service's total number of authorisations for the deployment of incapacitant sprays for the years of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (as recently as possible.**

- For the provision of the type of incapacitant sprays that received authorisation for deployment in each of these years.**

**2. For the provision of your constabulary/force/service's total number of authorisations for the deployment of tasers for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (as recently as possible)**

- For the provision of the type of taser that received authorisation for deployment in these years (e.g., X26, X2, 7)**

**3. For the provision of your constabulary/force/service's total number of authorisations for the deployment of baton rounds for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (as recently as possible)**

- **For a breakdown of the types of baton rounds that received authorisation for deployment in these years.**

**4. For the provision of your constabulary/force/service's total number of authorisations for deployments of armed response units for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (as recently as possible)**

- **For a breakdown of the types of firearms authorised for deployment in these years.**

### **CNC Response:**

1. Officers who have completed the relevant personal safety training are qualified to carry/use incapacitant spray. If they need to use it as part of their daily routine a separate authorisation is not needed and officers will use their own judgment using the national decision model. Civil Defence Supply-PAVA incapacitant Spray

2. All officers who carry taser are also carrying conventional firearms as part of our standing authority, therefore the constabulary does not deploy officers on taser only deployments.

3. Please see Q4 for the answer as any firearms authority will always include Launcher authority. The CNC uses L60A3 from 29/11/2024 and before this used L60A2.

4. The CNC has been involved in the following:

2021 – 3

2022 – 4

2023 – 0

2024 – 4

2025 (to date) – 3

The CNC carries a G36 and Glock

### **Context:**

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 contributes 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. 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 request an internal review. We will investigate the matter and aim to reply within 3 to 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 expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure 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 using the details provided above.

Yours sincerely

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