



# CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

## **The Executive Office**

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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 looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following weblink:**

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/monthly-spend-by-the-cnpa-in-april-201>**

**There appears to be no file available for the month of October 2024 to March 2025. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the October 2024 to March 2025 file please and thank you?**

### **CNC Response:**

The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 22 of the FOI Act as it is information intended for future publication. Section 22 provides that:

1. Information is exempt if –

- a) The information is held by a public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not).
- b) It is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph a).

Section 22 is a qualified exemption subject to the public interest test. We have considered the public interest in releasing the information against the interest in withholding it. There is a public interest in transparency being demonstrated by releasing the information with this reply. However transparency is also achieved by the CNC publishing this information on their GOV.UK website.

There is a public interest in the CNC providing information they hold that falls within the scope of an FOI request as quickly as possible. But this needs to be balanced with the public interest in the CNC ensuring the maximum cost effectiveness. Providing this information in response to an FOI request is not the most cost effective way of placing this information in the public domain, when it will be published in due course on the GOV.UK website.

The exemption under Section 22 of the FOIA recognises that it must be reasonable to withhold the information until the date of publication. Given the necessary preparation and administration involved in publishing the information, we consider that our publication timetable is reasonable.

We have therefore concluded that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs the public interest in releasing it.

### **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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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 expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure 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 using the details provided above.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Keefe

Disclosures Officer