



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 not hold information of the type specified. This would be dealt with by the local Home Office Force.

Your Request:

I would like to request the following information as a freedom of information request.

By 'paedophile hunter' I mean a group of people or individual who gather their own evidence of alleged paedophiles.

- 1. In how many cases was the evidence provided by 'paedophile hunters' admissible as evidence for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**
- 2. How many people were charged because of evidence supplied to the police from 'paedophile hunters' in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**
- 3. In how many cases were the evidence not admissible for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

4. How many cases resulted in a mistrial because of evidence submitted from a 'paedophile hunter' for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

5. What percentage of cases of the crime of meeting a child following sexual grooming involved evidence from a 'pedophile hunter' for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

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)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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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

Kristina Keefe

Disclosures Officer