



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 specified type.

Your Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the forfeiture of police pensions following criminal convictions.

1. Regulatory Framework

Please provide details of the regulations, policies, or statutory instruments that govern the restriction or forfeiture of pension rights for police officers convicted of criminal offences. This includes any internal guidance or procedures your force follows when considering pension forfeiture.

2. Statistical Data

For each of the following financial years, please confirm the number of officers for whom pension rights were withdrawn or forfeited following a criminal conviction:

- **2020–2021**
- **2021–2022**
- **2022–2023**
- **2023–2024**
- **April 2025 – September 2025**

If possible, please indicate the nature of the offences that led to forfeiture and whether full or partial pension rights were withdrawn.

CNC Response:

1. Forfeiture of pension rights for members of the CNC are governed by the UKAEA Combined Pension Scheme rules. For your convenience you can access this document using the following link [cps-rules.pdf](#)

Applications for forfeiture are prepared by the Pay and Reward Team. The Pension Authority, not the employer, is responsible for determining whether the relevant test is met and therefore whether they can exercise their power to withhold benefits payable under the pension scheme.

2. The answer is Zero for all requested date ranges.

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
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SK9 5AF

If you require any further assistance in connection with this request, please contact us using the details provided above.

Yours sincerely

Jo Sawley

Disclosures Officer