



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:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, broken down by financial year:

- 1) Total expenditure by the police force on pest control services, including both in-house provision and external/contracted services.**
- 2) If any services are contracted out, please provide the supplier name(s) and the contract value(s).**
- 3) The number of call-outs/treatments by species category (e.g. rats, mice, pigeons, gulls, foxes, grey squirrels, wasps, bedbugs, cockroaches—please use your own categories if recorded differently).**
- 4) For any lethal control commissioned or carried out by the force, the number of animals killed by species and, where recorded, the method used (e.g. trapping, poisoning, shooting).**
- 5) A copy of any policy, guidance, or standard operating procedure relating to the force's pest control service or contractors.**

Please also provide the information in CSV, Excel, or another machine-readable format where possible.

CNC Response:

Q1) Spend inclusive of in-house and external/contracted services:

Please note that for our smaller sites no pest control contracts are currently in place. Incidents are dealt with on an 'as required' basis, with treatments purchased from local suppliers. The spend is small but is included in the figures below.

2021/2 £10416.57

2022/3 £14850.82

2023/24 £11063.44

2024/25 £11761.55

2025/26 (to date) £12783.63

Q2) Pest control contracts:

Please note that for the majority of our sites, the landlord takes responsibility for pest control and no records are held by the CNC. Therefore, whilst I have provided the information we do hold, please be aware that it is not fully representative of the total activity / spend across all CNC sites.

For one site only, we have a contract with Mitie, the value of which is currently circa £12,000 pa.

Q3 & 4) Routine inspections, callouts, treatments and lethal controls:

	Routine Insp	Call outs	Callout reason	Lethal Controls – no. comm	Lethal Controls - Species killed	Treatment Used for lethals
2021	17	2	1x wasp nest 1x mole	0	n/a	n/a
2022	18	3	1x wasp nest 1x mole 1x remove dead pigeons & clean	1	Rodents	Difenard
2023	22	3	1x wasp nest 2x mole	0	n/a	n/a
2024	16	3	1x wasp nest 2 x mole	1	Rodents	Difenard

In regard to Q4, please note that:

- routine visits generally consist of inspection and laying or replacing bait box and non-toxic box.
- where wasp nests were sprayed at callouts, there is no record of the substance used. For callouts to moles, trapping was used.
- there are no records of numbers or specific types of rodents killed as a result of the two commissions above.

Q5) Please note that for the majority of our sites, the landlord takes responsibility for pest control and no records are held in terms of policy, guidance or SOPs in regard to pest control overall.

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
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