



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. The answer to your question is Zero.

Your Request:

- 1) In each of the last 10 years, how many Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) officers have tested positive for narcotics during CNC drug testing? Please break the figures down for each year and to show how many of the officers were based at facilities in Scotland and separately in England. Please also provide details for each year showing what drugs the officers tested positive for.**
- 2) In each of the last five years, how many Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) officers have been subject to disciplinary procedures? Please provide what details you can as to the nature of the matter they were disciplined for. Please also tell me how many officers in each of the last 10 years have been dismissed as a result of the disciplinary process.**

CNC Response:

Zero CNC officers have tested positive following laboratory analysis and MRO review between 2019 and 2025. We are unable to provide information covering the full date range detailed in your query as in order to

comply with our data retention obligations, this information is only held for seven years.

Please note - for clarity, I am interpreting your use of the term 'narcotics' to mean illegal drugs / substances which have been identified by our drugs testing process. Our process may also identify legal medications that a person may be taking, whether 'over the counter' or prescribed but such a result does not constitute a 'failed test'.

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 three to six 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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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