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Policy Statement

Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) Police Officers in the course of their primary duties of protecting civil nuclear licensed sites and material, may in support of law enforcement have to deal with persons found in possession of controlled drugs.

This policy seeks to put into place processes and procedures through guidance documents, which enable CNC Police Officers to take into account ACPO guidelines, the Coordinated Policing Protocol between the CNC and Home Office / Scottish Police Forces (HO/SPFs) and local Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) in determining the appropriate course of action when dealing with offences involving controlled drugs.

Aims of the policy

The aims of this policy are, as far as reasonably possible, to:

- maintain an enforcement and prosecution strategy that delivers the national message on the misuse of controlled drugs;
- provide a coherent, consistent and co-ordinated approach to dealing with incidents involving controlled drugs;
- provide a justifiable and proportionate response to dealing with persons found in possession of controlled drugs, which can be judged by the public to be ethical and non-discriminatory and thereby enable all members of the community to retain trust in the Criminal Justice system;
- secure all the necessary evidence and intelligence so that an informed decision can be taken on the appropriate course of action;
- develop MOUs with local HO/SPFs, sites and local communities, for agreeing protocols on how CNC Police Officers should proceed upon the discovery of controlled drugs.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0422 Use of Cannabis / Warnings

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