



<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Issue 1</b>
<b>CONTROLLED DRUGS</b>	<b>Date 19/03/2008</b>

## Policy Statement

Civil Nuclear Constabulary (Constabulary) officers in the course of their primary duties of protecting nuclear licensed sites and material, as well as acting in the interests of national security, 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 Constabulary officers to take into account ACPO guidelines, the Coordinated Policing Protocol between the Constabulary and Home Office / Scottish Government Police Forces and local Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) in determining the appropriate course of action.

In order to realise this policy the Constabulary will:

- Give a justifiable and proportionate response to dealing with persons found in possession of controlled drugs, which can be seen to be ethical and non-discriminatory by the public and therefore gain trust in the Criminal Justice system from all members of the community
- Secure all the necessary evidence and intelligence so that an informed decision can be made on how to proceed.
- Maintain an enforcement and prosecution strategy that delivers the national message on the misuse of controlled drugs.
- Develop MOUs with local host forces, sites and local communities, so that there are agreed protocols on how to proceed upon the discovery of controlled drugs by Constabulary officers.

## Aims of the policy

To provide a coherent, consistent and co-ordinated approach to dealing with incidents involving controlled drugs.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/POL/6.6.1                      Policing of Cannabis

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