



POLICY	Issue: 5.0
Covert Policing	Date: 01/04/2011

Policy Statement

The policy applies to all Police Officers and all Police Staff within the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary will not undertake any covert policing activity with the exception of the targeted use of overt CCTV cameras or ANPR in circumstances that would require a RIPA Directed Surveillance Authority.

In relation to this policy, covert policing activity includes

- Directed surveillance (unless carried out utilising overt CCTV cameras or ANPR in circumstances that would require RIPA Directed Surveillance Authority);
- Use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources (including test purchase and undercover Officers);
- Intrusive Surveillance;
- Property Interference.

Where the Civil Nuclear Constabulary utilises overt CCTV cameras or ANPR in circumstances that require a RIPA Directed Surveillance Authority, the Constabulary will comply with the legislation governing covert policing, which is contained in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 and associated Codes of Practice, Part III of the Police Act 1997 and supporting ACPO manuals relating to covert policing.

In the event that covert policing methods are identified as a proportionate and necessary method to be employed as part of an intelligence gathering or investigative operation, CNC Special Branch will take steps to request support from other police forces or public authorities.

Investigatory Powers Tribunal

Section 65 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 establishes an independent Tribunal to consider all complaints and Human Rights Act claims, including those arising from conduct authorised under RIPA. This Tribunal is made up of senior members of the judiciary and the legal profession and is independent of Government. The Tribunal has full powers to investigate and decide any case within its jurisdiction, including cases to which RIPA applies.

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Details of the relevant complaint procedure can be obtained from the following address:

Regulatory Powers Tribunal

PO Box 33220

London

SW1H 9ZQ

Aims of the Policy

To ensure that Civil Nuclear Constabulary Police Officers do not conduct any covert policing activity with the exception of the use of overt CCTV cameras in circumstances that would require a Directed Surveillance Authority. In these circumstances it is necessary that an authority is sought in a manner which is proportionate, reasonable and fair, thereby maximising the impact of such tactics and the robustness of any evidence so gained when submitted before a court.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0640	Covert Policing Procedure
CNC/PP/0645	The Management of Covert Human Intelligence Sources
CNC/PP/0646	Intrusive Surveillance and Property Interference Activity
CNC/PP/0647	Directed Surveillance Activity
CNC/PP/0648	Maintenance of RIPA Central Registrations and Filing
CNC/PP/0649	Accessing Communications Data

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