



POLICY	Issue: 2.0
Dealing with Vulnerable Witnesses and other Vulnerable Persons	Date: 01/04/2011

Policy Statement

The primary function of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is the protection of civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials. Other functions include activities in support of law enforcement and national security, which may involve CNC Police Officers / Police Staff having dealings with witnesses or other persons, who are considered to be vulnerable for reasons such as age, disability, mental capacity or intimidation.

The CNC has limited capacity, facilities and trained resources to comprehensively deal with vulnerable witnesses and other vulnerable persons. Therefore, in line with the Co-ordinated Policing Protocol between the CNC and all Home Office / Scottish Police Forces (HO/SPFs) and local Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), in cases where special measures may be required to deal with vulnerable witnesses and other vulnerable persons, it may be necessary to obtain assistance (including advice and guidance) or service provisions from the local HO/SPF or other qualified Agency (e.g. services for hearing or speech impaired persons).

The CNC will, as far as reasonable practicable, ensure that its Police Officers who in the course of their normal duties may need to take immediate measures to deal with a vulnerable witness or other vulnerable person:-

- are provided with support and guidance through CNC command structures, supervision and control room processes;
- comply with relevant legislation, Codes of Practice and national guidance;
- do so in a manner which is proportionate, lawful, accountable and necessary.

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this Policy are to provide guidelines and direction to CNC Police Officers and Police Staff who may have to deal with vulnerable witnesses or other vulnerable persons, in an efficient, effective and professional manner, within the capability and capacity of the CNC's resources, or by appropriate referral to the local HO/SPF or other qualified Agency.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

- CNC/CD/0250 Co-ordinated Policing Protocol between the Civil Nuclear Constabulary & Home Office/ Scottish Police Forces
- CNC/PP/0048 General Police Duties

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