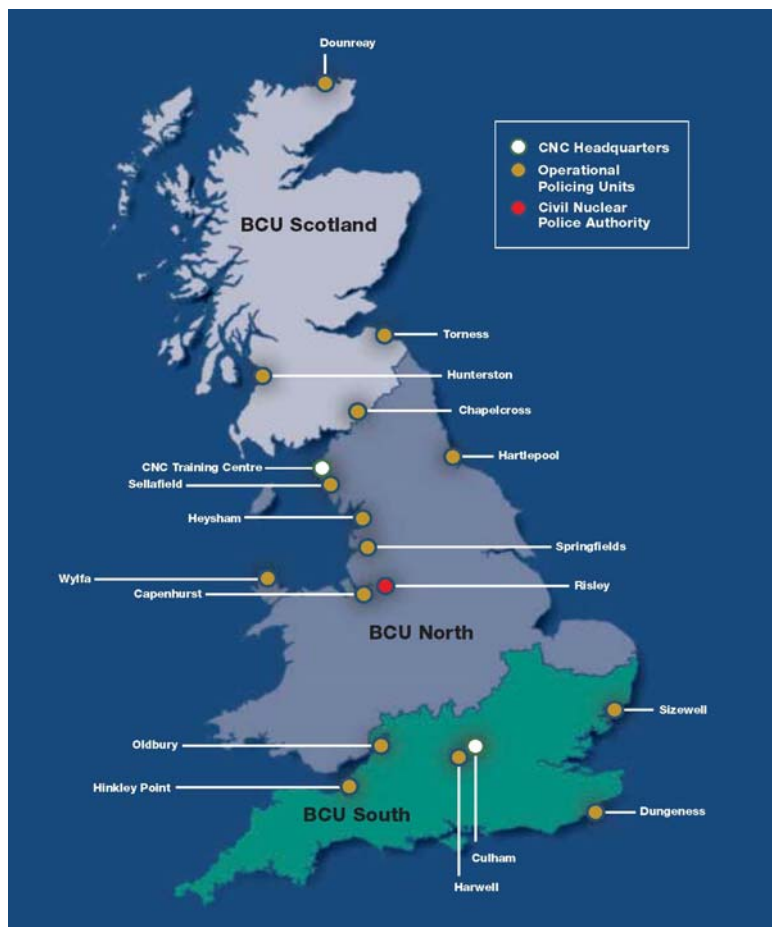




CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

The Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 15 civil nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales and over 800 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 or Scottish Government police force at each site. Policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 (NISR) and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS). To comply with the NISR, 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.

Civil nuclear security is kept under constant review by the Constabulary Command Team and OCNS. Changes to operational tactics are frequent and irregular due to a range of factors and in order to limit the predictability of the police response to any incident. The Constabulary has a solid reputation for delivering policing services to the civil nuclear industry, a reputation that it intends to maintain through its clear operational focus.

The patrol strategy employed by the Constabulary is intended to give reassurance to the public in the vicinity of civil nuclear sites, and to deter and deal with minor crime. In these areas this constrains and disrupts the operating environment for those with terrorist intent.