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Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (The Constabulary) aims to train and equip officers to a sufficiently high standard so as to minimise the risk of injury or harm to themselves, colleagues, members of the public, suspects and offenders. Evidence shows that with appropriate and regular training assaults on police are minimised and are less severe, and the number of complaints against police officers regarding the use of force is decreased. The emphasis therefore is to be on training officers to deal professionally with threats to themselves, to others and to the Queen's peace.

In order to achieve this, the following strategies will be utilised:

- The Constabulary will provide all relevant staff with the necessary training - physically, technically and psychologically. We will ensure that relevant officers have available a sufficient range of assessed equipment to contain and resolve volatile incidents at any level that they may encounter.
- This to be done as peacefully as the situation allows, but in all cases within the law. Use of force must be reasonable in the circumstances, and officers must be able to justify their actions to themselves, to senior officers, or ultimately to a magistrate or court.
- Training will provide officers with a range of options to enable a dynamic assessment of the risk presented.
- The Civil Nuclear Police Authority (the Authority) might be held to be vicariously liable for an officer's actions, but the officer retains an individual responsibility for whatever uses of force are chosen.

Aims of the Policy

To ensure officers are trained and equipped to a sufficiently high standard so as to minimise risks, and the likelihood and severity of injuries to all concerned.

This policy is not enacted by further management system documents:

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