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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 as well as the carrying out of routine and daily tasks and activities to meet legal, regulatory and contractual requirements.

The CNC is committed to providing and managing its resources efficiently and effectively in order to meet its defined Mission Statement, Vision and Core Values. The term “resources” includes police dogs, which can be used effectively and efficiently for general duties and more specialist tasks such as detecting explosives and thereby enhancing the protection of civil nuclear sites and facilities.

From a health and safety perspective a police dog may be regarded as work equipment. From a use of force perspective a police dog may be regarded as a less lethal option. Consequently the CNC will, as far as reasonably practicable, ensure that appropriate processes, procedures, guidance and supervision are provided for the selection, training, equipping and use of CNC police dogs and their handlers in order:-

- to prevent unnecessary risks to any person who may come into contact with a CNC police dog;
- to ensure that any CNC dog is properly cared for;
- that the use of CNC police dogs is proportionate, legal, accountable and necessary.

The training provisions for CNC police dogs and their handlers will accord with national standards and guidance issued by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

Police dog handlers will be responsible for keeping their dog(s) under proper control and for providing appropriate warnings / instructions to any person who may come into contact with a CNC dog in order to eliminate or reduce potential risks to any person, including the handler, or the dog.

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this Policy are to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that the CNC has appropriate policies, procedure, guidance and training in place for the use of police dogs, in line with the Policy Statement above.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

- CNC/PP/0050 Police Dogs
- ACPO Manuals – “Police Dog Training” and “Care & Guidance for Explosive Search Dogs”

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