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Policy Statement

Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) Police Officers in exercising their police and civil powers under common law and statute law may have to manage conflict and resort to the use of force in order to protect life, preserve order, prevent the commission of crime or arrest / detain offenders.

The CNC will, as far as reasonably practicable, put into place processes, procedures, training and guidance to ensure that Police Officers resorting to the use of force will do so in a manner which is proportionate, lawful, accountable, and necessary i.e. the force used must be reasonable for the circumstances and the minimum amount required in order to achieve the objective.

The training provided to Police Officers by the CNC around the use of force will, as far as reasonably practicable, accord with national standards for the police service and be appropriate to the operational requirements identified through the strategic threat and risk assessments.

The CNC will, as far as reasonably practicable, provide Police Officers with appropriate equipment and training in its use to maximise the Police Officers' personal protection and minimise the risk of harm to the public and other persons affected by the Police Officers' use of force.

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this Policy are to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that CNC Police Officers are:-

- provided with appropriate processes, procedures, training and guidance in relation to the use of force in accordance with the principles of proportionality, lawfulness, accountability, and necessity;
- equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment and trained in its use;

to maximise the Police Officers' personal protection and minimise the risk of harm to the public and other persons affected by the Police Officers' use of force.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

- ACPO Manual of Guidance on the Management Command and Deployment of Armed Officers
- CNC/POL/9.2 Firearms Policy
- CNC/POL/9.4 Conflict Management – Use of Less Lethal Options
- CNC/PP/0634 Legislation and Legal Authority (Firearms)

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