



<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Issue: 1.0</b>
<b>Safe Detention and Handling of Persons in Police Custody</b>	<b>Date: 11/06/2008</b>

## Policy Statement

In writing this policy it is recognised that the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (The Constabulary) has no Custody or Detention Centres of its own, and is reliant on Host Constabularies and Forces to detain and house prisoners for interview and process at their designated custody suites. However from the time of arrest until their handover to a host force, prisoners are in custody and there is a responsibility on Constabulary officers to safely handle and detain such prisoners, for the safety of themselves, the prisoner's, members of the public, and host Force officers.

In deciding on making an arrest Constabulary officers will:

- Carry out dynamic risk assessments concerning the arrest. Ensure the risk of the suspects having access to Constabulary weapons, especially firearms is minimised or eliminated.
- Ensure contact with Constabulary Control Rooms and pass as much relevant information as possible and request any necessary support at an early stage.
- Where possible carry out background checks on the suspect(s) so that past history can be identified and allowances made for this, which can determine the strategy and tactics for detention.
- Dynamically risk assess, and apply where possible the required restraints needed to make safe the situation.
- Post arrest, where practicable, carry out thorough searches of the prisoner(s) to detect any weapons or other items that could cause harm to the prisoner(s) themselves or to others, and seize and make safe these items.
- Remain focused and vigilant at all times, until the prisoners have been fully handed over to the host Force, or lodged securely in a Host Force's Custody Suite.
- If Constabulary transport is being considered to transport prisoners to a custody suite, ensure that it is fit for purpose, and that no one is put unnecessarily at risk during the transportation.
- On arrival at a Designated Custody Suite and the alighting of prisoners the vehicle will be searched for further weapons and evidence.
- Ensure all procedures and directions of the Host Constabulary at the Custody suite are carried out diligently and expeditiously.

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- Follow agreed procedures as laid down in Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with local forces.

### **Aims of the Policy**

To minimise the risk to Officers, prisoners and the public during the arrest, detention, transportation and lodging of prisoners.

This policy supports the policy on arrest and detention CNC/POL/8.5 and is not currently enacted by further management system documents.

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