



POLICY	Issue: 1.0
Use and Deployment of Technical Support Equipment	Date: 01/04/2008

Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (the Constabulary) complies with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 in respect of technical equipment used in surveillance held by the Constabulary. Technical equipment means all equipment used in audio or video surveillance, excluding public CCTV systems which are covered by separate arrangements.

To meet regulations, and to satisfy inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners, each piece of equipment must have a clear audit trail to show its use and deployment, from purchase usage, maintenance, repair prior to disposal. In order to achieve these requirements the Constabulary will:

- Support 'best value' principles in the purchase and use of technical support equipment across the Constabulary.
- Restrict the likelihood of unauthorised surveillance taking place through compliance with the RIPA 2000 codes of practice and the Constabulary procedure.
- Ensure a co-ordinated response to the purchase, use and deployment of technical equipment.
- Support the recommendations of the HMIC report 'Under the Microscope'.
- Ensure technical support equipment is maintained and deployed by personnel who are both trained and authorised to do so.
- Ensure that the risk of compromise and/or exposure of sensitive policing techniques are properly considered and minimised.
- Ensure recorded material is held subject to the Data Protection Act and the appropriate exemptions thereto.

Aims of the Policy

To co-ordinate the use and deployment of all technical support equipment held by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary Special Branch, to ensure its use and deployment complies with existing legislation and national guidelines.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0570 Use of technical support equipment for surveillance

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