



Response Date: 27/01/2026

2026/081 - Clarification on Constitutional and Operational Standing of Police Forces

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I refer to previous response FOI reference 2024/899, dated 02/10/2024, and now submit the following clarification request for further detail.

1. Constitutional Recognition of the Bill of Rights 1689

Your previous response claimed, "There is no written constitution in the UK."

Please confirm:

Do you acknowledge that the Bill of Rights 1689 and Magna Carta 1215 (and reaffirmations) remain unrepealed and continue to form part of the UK's constitutional framework?

If not, please explain why the Bill of Rights 1689 is still cited in case law (e.g. *Thoburn v Sunderland City Council* [2002] EWHC 195) and forms part of UK constitutional statutes as recognised by the courts.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Please clarify the police's obligation to uphold these constitutional principles.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Clarification of the Crown Agency Relationship

Your previous response states, "Police constables are officers of the Crown."

Please confirm:

Who is the Principal to whom police constables owe their duty when acting as Crown officers?

Is there a fiduciary or trustee relationship between the police and the people as beneficiaries?

Are police constables acting in commercial or corporate capacity under any partnership with councils or external contractors?

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North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

If so, please identify the legal authority under which this is done, and how conflicts of interest are prevented.

N/A.

Commercial Nature of Council Tax Police Precept

You stated that "Councils provide the police precept."

Please confirm:

Is there any commercial or corporate relationship between councils (registered corporate bodies) and police forces in the provision of "services"?

Are members of the public required by law to contract with police as service recipients?

Does this arrangement alter the impartiality of police officers acting under oath?

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Oath of Office and Legal Training

You stated: "The police are trained to understand and interpret criminal law."

Please provide:

A copy of the full oath of office taken by constables under your force.

The attestation wording which our students say during the ceremony is:

"I:

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do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will well and truly serve the King in the office of Constable, with fairness, integrity, diligence and impartiality, upholding fundamental human rights and according equal respect to all people; and that I will, to the best of my power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved and prevent all offences against people and property; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law."

In addition to law training the students have a lesson on civil disputes.

Confirmation whether this oath includes any binding to private policy, legislation, or council directives, or is solely to the Crown and law of the land.

Details of the legal training received to differentiate between law and corporate/statutory policy.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Revenue from Victimless or Non-Crime Offences

You stated no data was held on revenue generated from victimless offences.

Please confirm:

Whether data exists regarding enforcement actions or fines issued for non-crime offences (e.g. fixed penalty notices, council bylaw breaches, statutory enforcement without a harmed party).

If so, what revenue is generated per year through such enforcement?

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Policing by Consent and Favour of the People

Do you acknowledge that all police constables and forces are intended to operate with the consent and favour of the People, in accordance with the constitutional principle of policing by consent?

If so, how is this principle preserved when interacting with the public under policy enforcement rather than common law?

This request is made in the public interest to establish transparency regarding the legal foundation and lawful capacity in which police officers operate. I ask that each question be answered individually and with reference to the relevant statutes or operational policies, where applicable.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

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