

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CNC TO THE OLDBURY SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

It has been a challenging year for the CNC at Oldbury, with a big uplift in training required of every officer, and additional training for many in specialist roles. These include Bronze Commanders (officers who are trained to an accredited National Police Improvement Agency level so as to be able to take command of terrorist type incidents at the site,) and Tactical Care Officers (TCO), who are trained to a high level of medical skill, again in an accredited course.

In the forthcoming year some additional officers will be trained in these areas, so that a Bronze Commander and TCO are available on every shift, thereby building in the capacity to be able to deal with incidents in a highly professional manner.

We took delivery of our new armoury facility in April this year, and in September we moved over to a new electronic firearms handling system

Despite some challenges during this operating year there have been very few occasions when the CNC here at Oldbury have fallen below the Office for Nuclear Regulations' statutory minimum numbers for armed officers on duty. This is a testament to the resilience of officers here, and their willingness to work the necessary shifts to fill the gaps. We have fallen victim to long term injuries and secondments but I am very hopeful that we will be getting back to much healthier staffing levels in the forthcoming months.

We continue to work closely with site and especially the site security team. Testament to this was the arrest of two persons near the site in September this year for theft of metals, professionally carried out thanks to excellent teamwork between the site security team and the CNC.

There has recently been a review of security at Oldbury, along with all the other nuclear sites in the UK. This review, part of our continuous aim for improvement, involved DECC, Magnox and the CNC and we await the formal report.

We look forward to a productive year ahead, working closely with Oldbury and the security team in the changing circumstances and environment in 2012.

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