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Withdrawal from Operational Sites.

Colleagues,

Further to the CNC Executive weekly brief dated 23rd November 2012,.we wish to bring to your attention the following:

The Executive of your Police Federation, are disappointed that parties other than the CNPA/CNC, at present do not see the value of having our legal advisors present at any meeting where discussions will take place to clarify the legal aspects of our members employments rights.

We have again requested through our employer the CNPA/CNC, to request the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) that an invite be extended to ourselves and our legal advisors to those meetings which are hosted by the DECC, and we await their response.

Such action by the employers sponsoring dept does not meet our aspirations of what openness and transparency should look like, and just extends the process in our view unnecessarily. We are of the view that the staring point in this matter should be based on trust and openness; however we fast becoming to the point where most policing starts, at a point of human failure distrust and uncertainty.

Along with this circular I have provided you with the CNPF response through our legal advisors in relation to the legal aspects of withdrawal of CNC from sites , and the CNPA/CNC seeking an application through the High Court to seek clarity on the issues that are before all parties. Although the matter in hand currently surrounds the withdrawal at Chapelcross, please be assured that in our view any determination made, will be the same at all other establishments in which the Site licence Operator no longer seeks to have the CNC at their locations.

The CNPF Executive is determined to find a way through this legal debate for the benefit of all our members and their families. It is those Police Officers who have provided a specialist policing service and met the continual challenges and changes within the context of our working environment, and this has been all been achieved with professionalism and integrity by those very same "Office Holders". It is disappointing that others outside CNPA /CNC who do not see the significance of the Office of Constable and what it means to our members.

I shall of course keep members updated of any response either we or our legal advisors receive in relation to these issues.

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