

SURVEY ON USE OF STAB VESTS – JANUARY 2007

Dear Colleagues

Thank you very much to all who responded to my request which has been most helpful.

A summary of the 31 replies I received is as follows:

17 of the 31 Universities who responded **do not** at present issue stab vests to their security staff.

13 of the 31 Universities who responded **do** issue stab vests to their security staff, and of the 13:

- A) 8 require officers to wear them at all times.
- B) 3 require officers to wear them during the hours of darkness.
- C) 1 requires officers to wear them at a specific location.
- D) 1 allows officers to wear/not wear them at their own discretion.

** one of the 8 Universities who require officers to wear them at all times does operate an exception where those who do not wish to wear them are required to sign a disclaimer.*

If you are considering issuing stab vest to your officers, the best route would appear to take the advice of your local police force as to their supplier. However some of our colleagues have named their individual suppliers;

Clifton Canvas
Global Armor
High Mark
www.keltic.biz

Once again many thanks for your replies and I hope the above information is of interest to those who are considering this course of action.

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