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**COL-13-248 Tasers -
 under the age of 20**

12 April 2013

Dear Mr Basnett,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL-13-248 Tasers - under the age of 20

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/03/2013 in which you seek access to the following information:

1 a) On how many occasions in 2012 was a Taser deployed against a person under the age of 20. Please provide a breakdown of both the ages of the individuals as well as the method of Taser deployment (for example, but not limited to, drive-stun mode, firings and incidents where the Taser was drawn and aimed, etc.)

I have provided an example of how this answer might be formatted.

Age	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Total
19				
18				
17				
16				
15				
14				
13				
12				
11				
10				

This is not exhaustive (eg. if there was a 9-year-old involved in an incident with a Taser please include that information, or if there is another method of deployment please include that information in the table.)

b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

Please could you also provide:

- 2) The same for 2011
- 3) The same for 2010

In response to your request, in 2012 Taser equipped officers drew and pointed their Taser at one 16 year old individual. I have not been made aware of any other incidents within the age range and dates specified in your request.

With reference to providing a précis of the incident, due to the force only having one occasion, it could be possible to identify the individual concerned and would engage an exemption under S.40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Information is exempt by virtue of section 40 if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject and disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection Act principles. Any disclosure made by virtue of the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is regarded as a public disclosure and not a disclosure to an individual. Disclosure of this information is likely to be unfair and be in contravention of principle one of the Data Protection Act. This is a class-based exemption and it is not necessary to demonstrate the potential for harm to occur.

Should you have any further questions regarding your request, please contact me via email, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Russell Pengelly
Police Constable

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