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22 May 2013

Dear Mr Basnett,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your request for information dated 21 March 2013, which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on that date. I note 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.)
1. b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.
2. The same for 2011
3. The same for 2010

I would like to acknowledge that this response has not been provided to you within the 20 working days required by the Freedom of Information Act, and therefore this constitutes a breach of Section 10(1) of that act, and for this I apologise.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Year	Age	Mode of use	Summary of Circumstances
2010	16	Drawn/Aimed	Had 4" knife and wooden baseball bat
	17	Red Dot	Alcohol, had threatened to assault male with a knife and on police arrival was violent and picked up household objects
	16	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Psychological issues and threatening police with violence
	19	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Psychological issues, self-inflicted cuts to wrist, hid hands and bel'd to have knife under duvet
	16	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Alcohol and Drugs, had used metal bar to break in and still bel'd to be in possession
	17	Drawn/Aimed	Alcohol and Drugs, violent in Custody area
	18	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Alcohol and Drugs, verbal threats and aggression towards lone female officer
	19	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Alcohol and Drugs, damaged lights on

			police vehicle and threats of violence towards officers
	18	Aimed/ Red Dot/Arced	Alcohol and Drugs, in custody became violent towards investigating officers
	<b>9</b>	<b>Total occasions for 2010</b>	
2011	16	Drawn	Psychological issues, assaulted police and history of carrying knife
	17	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Psychological issues, threatening self-harm with kitchen knife.
	17	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Had threatened group of youths and held a knife to youths throat
	16	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot/Fired	Alcohol, had head-butted officer and was threatening further violence
	19	Fired + Drive Stun	Alcohol, large build, threats of violence
	16	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Large build, had had knife, unable to secure
	19	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Violent towards police and punching officers
	17	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Violent towards officers having assaulted partner
	16	Drawn/Aimed	Alcohol, Drugs, had attempted to steal car and golf-clubs and length of wood found close by
	18	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot/Fired	Alcohol., Drugs, holding shards of broken glass in hand
	17	Drawn/Red Dot	Fled to loft and red-dot illuminated on wall as visual Taser warning
	15	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Psychological, assaulted care staff and ran off, violent conduct
	15	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	In possession of firearm
	<b>13</b>	<b>Total occasions for 2011</b>	
2012	19	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	In possession large knife, threatening self-harm, threats
	16	Fired	Alcohol, Drugs, violent and kicked officers
	16	Drawn/Red Dot	Large scale public disorder, surrounded by youths
	19	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Violence towards officers
	19	Drawn	Hunting knife in waistband in public place
	18	Drawn/Aimed/Red Dot	Drugs, in possession of knife
	<b>6</b>	<b>Total occasions for 2012</b>	

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

I apologise again for the delay in providing this response and I hope the information provided will be of use.

## **Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

Yours sincerely,

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