

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO. 2013-176**

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response to your request below.

You asked:

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.)

Please could you also provide:

2) The same for 2011

3) The same for 2010

Please refer to the tables below, for the information we can provide in response to your request.

Table to show the number of occasions a Taser was deployed, against a person under the age of 20, by Dorset Police.

Age	2010	2011	2012
19	0	0	0
18	0	4	3
17	0	0	0
16	0	0	1

Table to show a count of each type of Taser deployment, used against individual's under the age of 20, as per the table above.

Year	Drive-Stun	Firings	Red Dot	Draw/Aim	Total
2010	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	1	5	0	6
2012	0	0	3	1	4

b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

The above statistics relate to individual offenders who have been subject to a form of Taser deployment. I must highlight that one or more of the individuals detailed above, could be involved in the same incident. For this reason we can confirm that the nature of the incidents were as follows (listed in no particular order):



2011; Possession of Knife, Threats to Kill, Criminal Damage
2012; Domestic Violence, Resist arrest, Public order, Suspected weapon