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Our Ref: LD/ICU/DC/FOI/192/13

Date 12 April 2013

This matter is being dealt with by Lynne Davidson, Senior Information Officer, Telephone No 0191 3752487

Dear Mr Basnett

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 192/13**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21 March 2013 which was received by Durham Constabulary on 22 March 2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I 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*

**NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Please note that Durham Constabulary's response to your request is unique and should not be used as a comparison with any other Force response you receive.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with the Response Command of Durham Constabulary. I can inform you that the information you have requested is held by Durham Constabulary.

**Decision**

I have decided to disclose the located information to you in full, as follows:

Please find below a table detailing the information you require:

Year	Age	Drawn	Aimed	Red-Dot	Arced	Stunned	Fired	Summary
2010	19					5	1	Other – OSD, Weapons – Non Stated
	19	1						Other – OSD, Weapons - Bladed Item
	15			1				Assault – Weapons – Bladed Item
	17			1				Assault - Weapons – Bladed Item
	17						1	Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	17			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	17			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	18	1						Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	18			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	18						1	Other – OSD, Weapons - Non Stated
	19			1				Unlawful Possession, Weapons - Bladed Item
	2011	17					1	
17							2	Other – OSD, Weapons – Glass-Bottle
17				1				Other – OSD, Weapons - Non Stated
19		1						Assault – Weapons - Non Stated
14			1					Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
18							1	Assault – Weapons - Non Stated
19							1	Assault – Weapons - Non Stated
19							1	Other – OSD, Weapons – Glass-Bottle
19							1	Domestic – Weapons - Non Stated
19				1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
2012	17						1	Domestic - Weapons – Bladed Item
	19			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – other
	19			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Blunt –Stick/Bar
	14			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	16						1	Assault - Weapons – Bladed Item
	17	1						Other – OSD, Weapons – Bladed Item
	18			1				Other – OSD, Weapons – Blunt –Stick/Bar
	18		1					Other – OSD, Weapons – Firearm inc. Imitations
	18					1		Domestic - Weapons – Bladed Item
	19			1				Domestic - Weapons – Bladed Item

OSD = other so dangerous

I do hope this information is of assistance to you.

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right to complain.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Davidson  
Senior Information Officer

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*We are very keen to ensure that we are tackling issues which matter to you in your community. With our colleagues in the local authority, we have developed Police And Communities Together (PACT) meetings = to ensure that you have a chance to engage with local officers from your beat team and tell us your concerns.*

*This is your opportunity to influence what we focus on, where you live.*

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*By ringing Durham Constabulary on 101*

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