



FOI Reference: 250/2013

Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the use of Tasers.

More specifically I am requesting the following:

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

Response 1a:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

2010

Age	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Red dot	Total
19					
18					
17				1	1
16				2	2
15					
14					
13					
12					
11					
10					

Response 1b

A summary of the above incidents are as follows:

- Subject had used a knife causing injury to another person and to self-harm
- Subject pointed Knife towards police
- Subject believed to be in possession of a knife

Response 2a:

2011

Age	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Red dot	Total
19				1	1
18				2	2
17			1		1
16				2	2
15		1			1
14					
13					
12					
11					
10					

Response 2b:

A summary of the above incidents are as follows:

- Subject was brandishing a knife inside a premises, where other individuals were present
- Violent subject attacked officers
- Subject brandishing a knife threatened to kill officers
- Individual reported being grabbed by a subject knife carrier
- Subject threatened to take their own life with a knife
- Subject in possession of a ceremonial dagger
- Subject with knife and threatened its use if arrested

Response 3 a-b

For the calendar year 2012 there have been no Taser deployments in respect of your request against persons under the age of 20. Therefore Dyfed-Powys police holds no information in relation to this request.

Please note:

With regards to the table provided on Taser data; Red dot supersedes drawn/aimed.

It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recoding 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.