



Gloucestershire Constabulary

People First Policing

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information Request 2013.4485 Request for FOI Internal Review

Dear Mr Basnett

I write with regards to your request for an FOI Internal Review relating to the request for information made by you on 21/03/2013. This is not merely a review of the original decision made by the Constabulary, but a complete processing of the request again by another officer of the below request:

1a) 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.)

1b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

Please could you also provide:

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

The Constabulary's response to your request was sent on 08/04/2013.

This internal review will however concentrate on the area where you have specifically challenged the decision made, in this case it is the application of Section 12 of the FOI Act and that the Constabulary are not able to retrieve the information for you within 18 hours.

I have reviewed in full the original request, the response sent to you and your request for internal review. In looking at the exemptions claimed by the Disclosure Officer I have referred to the Act and associated Code of Practice. As well as utilising the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) FOI Manual.

Your request was asking for figures in relation to taser usage against a person under the age of 20 broken down by age and the method of taser deployment as well as a summary of each of the incidents for the time periods 2010-2012. To consider your appeal I have contacted the Operations department that records the information for the Constabulary and they have provided the following response:

Gloucestershire Constabulary do not have a central database for recording all of the information. There is no requirement for us to hold this information as all of the forms are sent to the Home Office and are collated nationally. In order for someone to extrapolate the requested information, they would have to sort through several hundred forms, which we hold in soft copy, and collate by hand. Other forces may be able to provide this information as they may hold more detail, in force. We, unfortunately in the case, do not.

In conclusion, as you can see from the information supplied by the information holders Gloucestershire Constabulary do not have a central database or any way of electronically searching for the data that you have requested and the only way to retrieve the information is to collate the information by conducting a manual trawl of all the forms and then putting the figures together for the data that you require.

I have therefore concluded following this review that the response to your request was accurate for the position in Gloucestershire Constabulary and the correct application of Section 12 was made.

I hope that you are satisfied with the outcome of this internal review. If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF or www.ico.gov.uk

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Yours sincerely

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