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Dear Mr. Basnett,

**Freedom of Information Request 13/03/246**

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 21 March 2013.

*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.)*

*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*

The attached appendix provides incidents in 2010, 2011, and 2012 in which a taser has been deployed against an individual aged 19 and under, detailing age of subject, method of deployment, and a brief summary of the incident.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

**Alan Muggridge**

**Freedom of Information Administrator**

## **Your right to complain**

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

Freedom of Information  
Kent Police Headquarters  
Sutton Road,  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing [freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
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