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Dear Mr Basnett,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 4604/13

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 22nd March 2013, which was as follows:-

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.)

b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

Please could you also provide:

2) The same for 2011

3) The same for 2010

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking can be found below:-

Age	Year	Deployment Type					Total	Total by Age
		Drawn	Red Dot	Arc	Drive-Stun	Fired		
12	2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2011	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14	2010	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	2011	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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15	2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2011	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	2012	1	0	0	0	0	1	
16	2010	0	2	0	0	0	2	8
	2011	0	4	0	1	0	5	
	2012	0	1	0	0	0	1	
17	2010	1	1	0	0	1	3	12
	2011	1	4	0	0	1	6	
	2012	1	0	1	0	1	3	
18	2010	3	3	0	0	0	6	21
	2011	0	3	0	1	2	6	
	2012	1	7	0	0	1	9	
19	2010	2	5	0	0	0	7	18
	2011	0	4	0	0	1	5	
	2012	0	4	0	0	2	6	
Total	2010	7	11	0	0	1	19	64
	2011	1	18	0	2	4	25	
	2012	3	12	1	0	4	20	
Grand Total		11	41	1	2	9	64	

Attached at the end of this letter is a spreadsheet providing additional details for all instances detailed above in which the taser arced, was used in drive-stun mode or was fired. Summary details are not routinely collated for incidents in which the Taser is simply drawn or the red dot used to gain compliance and therefore cannot be readily provided.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Data Protection and Information Officer, Corporate Support and Information Services – Information Compliance & Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Disclosure Officer

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Date of	Year	Incident Details	Deployment	Details of Targeted Individuals		
06/06/2006	2006	Male threatening harm to self and others with knife	F	18	M	Male has history of psychiatric illness & suicide attempts. No response to negotiations, taser fired to prevent male harming himself. Paramedics were on scene and checked over for taser injuries.
29/06/2006	2006	Male threatening others with knife and metal bar	F	18	M	Taser fired as had knife to his throat on arrival. Taken to hospital immediately after for check over.
27/08/2006	2006	Female attacked and threatened to kill a male with a knife	F	15	F	Female was irate and had male pinned down with knife to throat. Did not respond to negotiation, taser fired.
21/10/2007	2007	Female cutting her own wrists with broken glass.	F	19	F	Second time officers had been called to assist with this female self harming in one night. Taser deployed as unable to get glass from her and she was causing serious injuries to her arms. Female taken by ambulance to hospital for treatment to wounds and check over following use of taser.
31/10/2007	2007	Male threatening to slit his throat with a kitchen knife. Other occupant of house also in fear.	F	19	M	Male had been drinking and known to have self harmed in the past. Taser fired to prevent him injuring himself or others as male would not comply with officers. May also have taken painkillers. Taken to hospital for removal of one taser barb and check over.
15/09/2008	2008	Male shoplifter pursued by officers. Climbed into secured rear yard of property and began throwing bricks at officers who tried to approach.	F	16	M	Taser deployed to enable officers to get close enough to arrest male.
26/06/2009	2009	Female assaulted another, then barricaded herself in the house and refused to comply with officers' requests, stating she had a knife to her throat and would kill herself if they approached.	F	19	F	Entry gained and female seen with knife to throat. She refused to comply with requests to drop knife and taser was deployed to ensure her safety and effect arrest. Transferred to hospital for check over / treatment.
12/12/2009	2009	Domestic incident in which male assaulted three family members. Made off on officers' arrival.	F	16	M	Taser deployed to detain male. Taken to hospital for barb removal and check over.
19/12/2009	2009	Report of male threatening self harm with knife. Seen to have knife when officers attended the address.	F	18	M	Taser deployed to ensure safe detention of male, arrested for breach of the peace. Doctor called to custody to examine male.
10/10/2010	2010	Report from ambulance crew of aggressive male who had self harmed, threatening to cut his own throat. Possibly armed with a poker. On officers' arrival male was armed with a shard of glass and threatening to kill them and slit his own throat.	F	17	M	Taser deployed to ensure safety of all present. Male assessed by paramedics at scene and taken to custody.
25/04/2011	2011	Report of female having been assaulted. On police arrival, brother, the suspected offender, became aggressive towards officers and his father.	DS	16	M	Taser deployed in drive stun mode at close range. Male detained.
27/05/2011	2011	Male detained by doorstaff at licensed premises. Officers arrested but male removed restraints whilst in police van.	DS	18	M	Taser deployed when removing male from van due to threats made towards officers and lack of restraints on male. Checked in custody.

