

Request Number - F-2013 - 00339
Subject Area – Operational
Date of Decision – 21st 2013
Decision - Excess Costs (Section 12)

Request

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.

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Please could you also provide:

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

Reply

I have reviewed your request, it has been estimated to locate, retrieve and extract any of the information (if held) which you require, would exceed the "Appropriate Limit" set within the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. For police forces in the UK, the 'appropriate limit' is considered to be up to 18 hours of work, or £450 at £25 an hour, on one request. This information is given in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Having liaised with the relevant department I have been advised that with all the different variations of taser deployment being requested it will mean looking over a substantial amount of records to ascertain the age of the individual a taser was used against. The information requested is only recorded within the record and I have been advised that a manual search for this information would take your request beyond the cost threshold.

In light of the above it has been estimated that to provide you with this information would take in excess of 18 hours work.

Therefore it has been estimated that in order to provide you with the information to you request, would exceed the cost threshold of 18 hours work.

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In accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information request, Lincolnshire Polices, data protection department are happy to look at ways in which you can refine your request in order to have access to some of the information you have requested. It may be an idea to narrow down the search criteria for a 12 or 6 month period.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on 01522 947 125.

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