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NORTH WALES POLICE
A safer North Wales

Response Date: **16/04/2013**

2013/187 - Taser deployment on people aged under 20

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

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

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. North Wales Police do not hold information in the format requested. Dates of Birth may be recorded on the Home Office deployment form, but this would then have to be cross referenced against the date of the incident as well as locating the summary. There are approximately 270 incidents for the three years requested taking a minimum of 5 minutes per incident. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

This information is submitted to the Home Office who publish a national perspective.

Therefore, you may wish to redirect your enquiry to the Home Office:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

Please also find below a link which may be of interest to you:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science/cast/taser-figures-march-2010/taser-figures-march-2010?view=Binary>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121212w0001.htm>

The systems used by Police forces in the United Kingdom for recording such figures are not generic. It should be noted that, for this reason, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.