



Our Ref: 746.2012-13

Your Ref:

Date: 11 April 2013

Legal and Compliance Services Directorate

Mr G. Basnett  
foi.police@openworldnews.com

Dear Mr Basnett,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NO: 746.2012-13**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by North Yorkshire Police on 22 March 2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the use of Tasers. More specifically I am requesting the following:*

*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 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10*

*Drive-Stun*

*Firings*

*Draw/Aim*

*Total*

*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*

**Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted at the Operations Directorate. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by North Yorkshire Police.

**Decision**

I have today decided to release the located information to you. Please see the table below:

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Year	Gender	Age	Location (Safer Neighbourhood Command)	Use	Details
2012	M	16	Scarborough & Ryedale	Fire	Male with weapon.
2012	M	19	Scarborough & Ryedale	Fire	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	19	York	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	16	Harrogate	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2012	M	18	Craven	Fire	Violent prisoner.
2012	M	17	Harrogate	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2012	M	18	York	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2012	M	18	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	18	Hambleton & Richmond	Red dot	Violent conduct.
2012	M	14	York	Drive stun	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	18	Harrogate	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	19	York	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	19	Harrogate	drawn	Male resisting arrest.
2012	M	14	Harrogate	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2011	M	19	York	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2011	M	19	Scarborough & Ryedale	Fire	Male with weapon.
2011	M	17	Selby	Fire	Male with weapon.
2011	M	18	York	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2011	F	16	Harrogate	Red dot	Female resisting arrest.
2011	M	18	York	Drawn	Male resisting arrest.
2011	M	16	Selby	Drawn	Male resisting arrest.
2011	M	17	Hambleton & Richmond	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2011	M	17	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2011	M	15	Harrogate	Drawn	Male resisting arrest.
2011	M	19	York	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2011	M	17	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male with weapon.

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2010	M	18	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2010	M	15	Selby	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2010	M	15	York	Arced	Violent prisoner.
2010	M	17	Harrogate	Red dot	Male with weapon.
2010	M	18	York	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	17	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	17	York	Fire	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	18	Craven	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	17	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	18	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Violent conduct.
2010	M	18	York	Aim	Male resisting arrest.
2010	M	18	Scarborough & Ryedale	Red dot	Male resisting arrest.

**Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Palmer  
 Legal Officer (Civil Disclosure)  
 Legal & Compliance Services Directorate

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## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the North Yorkshire Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Mr Simon Dennis  
Director of Legal & Compliance Services Directorate  
Legal & Compliance Services Directorate  
North Yorkshire Police  
Newby Wiske Hall  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL7 9HA

In all possible circumstances the North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Phone: 01625 545 700