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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 22/03/2013.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold the information you have requested.

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	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.

Please could you also provide:

2) The same for 2011

3) The same for 2010

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.

Please let me know you have received this.

If there are any problems, or you need more information, please get in touch.

Please find the answer to your question in the form of a table overleaf.

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2010					
Type of Taser Deployment					Summary
Fired	Red Dot	Arced	Drawn /Aim	Age	
X				19	Aggressive behaviour towards officers with a knife
	X			18	Reports of subject having concealed knife
	X			16	Subject threatening self harm & barricaded in room with knife
X				14	Person in crowd struck by Taser barb during discharge
			X	15	Subject had knife concealed
2011					
Type of Taser Deployment					Summary
Fired	Red Dot	Arced	Drawn /Aim	Age	
	X			15	Subject stabbed IP and still in possession of knife
	X			17	Subject believed to be carrying knife
	X			19	Resisting arrest – struggling with officers
	X			19	Hospital patient threatening officers with broken CD as weapon
	X			15	One of a group wanted for burglary offences – threats to officer
	X			14	Subject in possession of combat knife and BB Bat – public disorder
X				19	Subject threatening self harm with knife and already cut.
		X		18	Threatening officers with 9” carving knife
	X			17	Threatening officers with BB Bat and already damaged property
	X			17	Subject wanted for rape and in possession of knife
	X			14	Threatening public with lock knife
	X			19	Threatening officers with kitchen knife
	X			18	Subject wanted for knife point robbery
2012					
Type of Taser Deployment					Summary
Fired	Red Dot	Arced	Drawn /Aim	Age	
		X		19	Two offenders threatening single officer
	X			15	Subject searching pocket to draw knife against officers
			X	19	Subject in possession of knife and wanted for robbery
	X			18	Threat of subject with knife & known to be violent
X				15	Violence towards officer & in possession of knuckle duster

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Officer

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

If so, 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 reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

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

Formal Independent Review

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham
NG5 8PP

The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

Appeals

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Or call: 01159672507

Applications to the Information Commissioner

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an 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 an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk

Alternatively, Write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Or call: 01625 545700.