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Date 23 May 2013

Your ref

Our ref RFI 2013-183

Reply contact name is **Force Disclosure Decision Maker**

Dear Guy,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 14th April 2013, concerning Taser deployment on people aged under 20.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with the ARG Department of Wiltshire Police. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

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.

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.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Please could you also provide:

2) The same for 2011

3) The same for 2010

2010

Age	Red Dot	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Summary
19			1		Tasered after being pava'd as he continued to offer aggression to officers
19			1		Male drunk caused damage and threatened to assault police then came for officer.
19	1				Violent Detainee refusing to comply with instructions.
18	1				Male/suspect ran from police, known to be violent towards police.
18	1				Male being arrested for Aggravated Burglary. Resisted officer when being arrested.
16			1		suspect of an assault was seen to run at police officers with a raised closed hand in a darkened room
16	1				2 x suspects for Aggravated TWOC, detained after being located hiding in an open garage after a foot chase.
15	1				Criminal Damage
15	1				Offender wanted on Suspicion of GBH, offender resisted and assaulted Police
15	1				Three offenders attempting to steal a bike, One male detained.
15		1			During arrest male became violent assaulting officer and resisting arrest

2011

Age	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Total	Summary
19	1				Suspect aggressively resisted arrest.
19			1		Suspect stated in possession of knife. Made threats to stab officers.
18			1		Suspect of vehicle theft. Ran from Police. Taser drawn following foot pursuit.
18			1		Offender resisted arrest following Public Order incident.
17			1		Hiding in dark in attic.
17		1			Vehicle pursuit, failed to stop. Subject

					decamped. Tasered following foot chase.
17	1				Subject Drive stunned having already assaulted an officer, intending further harm to others.
17			1		Offender suspected of an offence ran from Police, resisted arrest.
16		1			Aggressive subject threatening to release dog intending to assault officers.
15			1		Evading arrest in shed.
15			1		Subject attacked Police vehicle with nail-studded-bat.

2012

Age	Drive-Stun	Firings	Draw/Aim	Total	Summary
19	1				Suspect of Criminal Damage became violent towards officers on arrest.
18			1		Suspect at scene of public order incident, believed in possession of knife.
18		1			Subject in possession of knife threatening to self harm
18			1		Suspect in compliant during arrest.
18		1			Suspect ran from scene of burglary. Failed to halt when instructed.
18	1				Suspect at scene of public order incident, refusing to calm down.
18			1		Suspect kicked door to enter premises, then hid in rear garden.
18		1			Subject struck officers during arrest.
17		1			Suspect wanted for numerous offences made off from Police. Prior history of violence.
17			1		Subject self harming.
17			1		Subject possessed baseball bat intending to assault another.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Manager
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Manager within 42 calendar days (6 weeks) of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by the Force Disclosure Manager, who is independent from the original decision maker. The Force Disclosure Manager will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Force Disclosure Manager will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Force Disclosure Manager will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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