

24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201405**

**REQUEST**

*Please could you provide data on the total number of times officers in your force have deployed a Taser in any way in each of the five last financial years (2019/20: 2018/19; 2017/18, 2016/17; 2015/16)? Please can this data be further broken down by:*

- (a) The number of cases where the target was under 18*
- (b) The number of cases where the target belonged to an ethnic minority group*

*Please could you provide data on the number of times officers in your force have discharged a Taser in each of the five last financial years (2019/20: 2018/19; 2017/18, 2016/17; 2015/16)?*

*Please can this data also be further broken down by:*

- (a) The number of cases where the target was under 18*
- (b) The number of cases where the target belonged to an ethnic minority group*

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Training Department and a Safety Training Officer who collates data relating to Taser deployment for assistance with your request. They have provided me with the following information:-

**Annual TASER Usage April to March**

<b>TASER Usage Type</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Drawn		20	53	99	62	62
Aimed		1	25	32	27	45
Red Dot Challenge		89	226	250	263	329
Arced		1	0	1	2	5
Fired		35	66	70	74	80
Angle D/S		1	6	1	4	1
Drive Stun		3	0	6	1	1
<b>Total Number of Times TASER Used</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>523</b>

All Usage Under 18	3	10	12	9	18
All Usage Ethnic Minority Group	21	39	71	58	79

Discharged Under 18	0	0	0	0	2
Discharged Ethnic Minority Group	4	4	2	8	9