

July 2020

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002171/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of times a Conducted Energy Device (eg Taser) was deployed by officers between January 1 and June 24, 2020, including the number of times the weapons were discharged. Please provide the ethnicity of those against whom the CEDs were deployed.
- 2 The number of times a Conducted Energy Device (eg Taser) was deployed by officers between January 1 and December 31, 2019, including the number of times the weapons were discharged. Please provide the ethnicity of those against whom the CEDs were deployed.

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

Q1

Jan to June 2020	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
Total Taser Deployments	364	183

Ethnicity	Drawn	Red Dot	Drive Stun	Angled Drive Stun	Firing	Arc	Aim	Total
<b>NORFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Black	8	18	0	0	3	0	4	33
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	14	2	0	0	0	0	1	17
Arabic	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4
White	90	179	0	0	34	8	15	326
<b>SUFFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black	7	10	0	0	3	0	4	24
Chinese	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	11
Arabic	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
White	51	76	0	2	9	0	14	152

Q2

2019	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
Total Taser Deployments	517	348

Ethnicity	Drawn	Red Dot	Drive Stun	Angled Drive Stun	Firing	Arc	Aim	Total
<b>NORFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Black	13	40	0	0	5	0	3	61
Chinese	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Unknown	17	7	0	0	0	1	2	27
Arabic	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
White	126	268	0	0	37	2	35	468
<b>SUFFOLK</b>								
Asian	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Black	18	27	0	0	1	0	4	50
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	10	11	0	0	1	0	2	25
Arabic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
White	88	143	0	1	25	0	29	287

There was also one level of use 'unknown' with ethnicity 'unknown' for Suffolk.

These figures relate to the Use of Force forms submitted where Taser has been 'Used' (as defined by the Home Office, i.e. Drawn, Arc, Aimed, RD, Firing, Drive Stun, Angled Drive Stun, Three-point contact mode). These uses can be spontaneous and not as a result of a 'deployment' by the Control room.

It should also be noted that the taser use may be against more than one subject, so the total number of subjects listed by ethnicity may differ to the Taser use totals. It must also be noted that Taser can be drawn and no suspects were seen therefore returning no ethnic code.

Quarterly 'use of force' data is published and can be accessed via the below:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/about-us/our-policies/use-force>

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-policies/use-force>