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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002707/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 11th August 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

Original Request:

Please provide data on the number of times officers in your force have used Tasers on children aged 17 years old and younger.

Please can this be broken down by year (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019, and (iv) 2020, to date

Please can this data be further broken down by:

(a) age; (b) ethnicity; (c) category of highest use (i.e. Drawn, Aimed, Arched, Red Dotted, Drive Stun, Angled Drive Stun and Fired); (d) reason for use; and (e) location of use (i.e. in police custody, in public, etc)

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 27th August 2020.

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded Taser deployment forms. As previously advised, it is not possible to provide information prior to October 2017, as this is not held electronically.

We have provided below the number of occasions that Taser has been deployed, where at least one of the subjects was aged 11-17 years, along with the highest use. Please note, there can be more than one individual who is the subject of a Taser deployment, therefore the figures providing the age, ethnicity, etc on the attached spreadsheet, will be higher than the number of deployments.

It should also be noted that the age and ethnicity is the perceived age and ethnicity of the individuals.

Year	Perceived Age Range	Highest Use	Number
NORFOLK			
2017/18	11-17 Years	Drawn	2
2017/18	11-17 Years	Red-dot	4
2017/18	11-17 Years	Fired	1
2018/19	11-17 Years	Drawn	7
2018/19	11-17 Years	Red-dot	15
2018/19	11-17 Years	Fired	2

2018/19	11-17 Years	Angle drive-stun	1
2019/20	11-17 Years	Drawn	15
2019/20	11-17 Years	Red-dot	21
2019/20	11-17 Years	Fired	1
2019/20	11-17 Years	Aimed	2
SUFFOLK			
2017/18	11-17 Years	Drawn	2
2017/18	11-17 Years	Red-dot	1
2018/19	11-17 Years	Drawn	4
2018/19	11-17 Years	Red-dot	9
2018/19	11-17 Years	Aimed	1
2019/20	11-17 Years	Drawn	12
2019/20	11-17 Years	Red-dot	13
2019/20	11-17 Years	Aimed	5
2019/20	11-17 Years	Arced	1