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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 11/02/2020.

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

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.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

Please can you tell me how many times over the past 10 years the police force has deployed a taser at an acute hospital trust or mental health trust (please specify whether acute trust or mental health trust)? Please tell me how many people have been tasered if this number differs from the number of times the taser has been deployed i.e. if the same person has been tasered more than once.

For each incident can you give the reason why the person was tasered, which hospital this took place in and the date it occurred. Please also tell me the outcome for the person if recorded i.e. any injury, were they arrested.

Answer- 155 time's a taser deployed.

* Please be advised that the force system that records Taser use has only had the search criteria of Hospital / mental health facility since May 2017 so data before that time is not held.

Answer- 6 individual's tasered.

Number of times Taser was used on same individual during the same occurrence.	Number of occurrences in which this occurred.
Tasered Once	4
Tasered Twice	2

* The request makes reference to 'tasered' which has been taken to mean physical contact with the person and therefore this reply does NOT include all uses i.e. Drawn /Aimed or Red Dotted.

* Where a Taser has been Fired/Angled Drive Stunned in this type of hospital setting.

Reason for Taser Discharge
Suspect was in an aggressive state armed with a chair.
Suspect armed with a knife made threats to harm others.
Suspect armed with makeshift weapon made threats to harm others.
Suspect attacks officer attending incident.
Suspect in possession of makeshift weapons who has caused damage and has made threats.
Suspect has been violent caused damage and created makeshift weapons.

Dates the Incident Occurred
02/12/2017
08/01/2018
22/06/2018
22/06/2019
30/07/2019

Location

Ruddington View Care Home, Ruddington
Saint Andrews Healthcare Centre, Mansfield
Highbury Hospital, Bulwell
Jasmin Suite, Kingsmill Hospital.

Outcomes	Total
Arrested	3
Remained at location for support/needs	3

Please Note: Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. **It should be noted that for these reasons, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

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 9670999 Ext 318 0888 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B.', written in a cursive style.

Electronically signed on behalf of Information Request Team

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

Nottinghamshire Police has a duty to implement a complaints process in relation to Freedom of Information Act requests. If you are not content with our response, you may appeal, this process is known as an 'Internal Review'

Internal reviews are intended to be a fair and impartial means of reviewing the original request process.

You can appeal about your request if you:-

- Disagree with the Forces interpretation of your request;
- Believe the Force hold more information than has been disclosed to you;
- Disagree with the application of exemptions;

How do I appeal?

All appeals should be made in writing and sent to:-

Information Management
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
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NG5 8PP

or alternatively freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible please provide the unique identification number provided with your response and the reasons for your appeal.

Once we have received your request for appeal, your FOI response will be reviewed in full to identify any problems in the disclosure.

The review will be undertaken by someone different from, and preferably senior to, the original decision maker and this should be completed within 20 working days from receipt, in exceptional circumstances it may be extended by a further 20 working days.

Your request for review must be received within 28 calendar days your response. If your request for review is not received within this time period a review will not be considered.

What if I'm still not satisfied?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner. You can contact the Information Commissioner Office at the following:-

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

E-mail: casework@ico.org.uk

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>