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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 15/06/2020.

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 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***

Answer: -

|           | Taser - Any Use | Individual classed as BAME | Individual under 18 |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2019/2020 | 400             | 64                         | 13                  |
| 2018/2019 | 427             | 91                         | 15                  |



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| 2017/2018 | 196 | 34 | 6 |
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**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**

Answer: -

|           | Taser - Discharges ONLY | Individual classed as BAME | Individual under 18 |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2019/2020 | 51                      | 12                         | 0                   |
| 2018/2019 | 52                      | 9                          | 2                   |
| 2017/2018 | 25                      | 4                          | 0                   |

Please note for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 we used a now defunct system which did not record the data specific to ethnicity or age. It is therefore no information held, however annual data on Taser use by region is published on the government website below for both 2015 and 2016.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-use-of-taser-x26-conducted-energy-devices-statistics-england-and-wales-1-january-to-31-december-2016-data-tables>

### **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](mailto:freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. R.', 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  
Notts  
NG5 8PP

or alternatively [freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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