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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 23/09/2020.

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.

*****CLARIFICATION** - In answer to this, I would say I'd like to receive information on any and all categories of restraint. Handcuffs, ground restraint, limb/body, improvised, spit guard and any other category of restraint the force holds data on please.***

If you are able to provide broken down data for all of these that would be great.

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- a) Please provide the total number of times restraint techniques were used by officers in your force - i.e. the number of restraints reported by individual officers in use of force forms - for each of***

the past two years April 2018 to March 2019 and April 2019 to March 2020.

Answer: -

Use of Force Type	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
Not Recorded	13	134
AEP attenuating energy projectile drawn	2	3
AEP attenuating energy projectile used	6	0
Baton Drawn	67	58
Baton Used	52	44
Dog Biting	16	31
Dog deployed	20	40
Firearms	7	4
Handcuffing - Compliant	2156	2038
Handcuffing - Non-compliant	1947	2433
Irritant spray – CS drawn	66	63
Irritant spray – CS used	58	76
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	0	10
Irritant spray – PAVA used	0	18
Limb / Body restraints	321	491
Other / Improvised	753	971
Shield	13	12
Spit guard	22	96
Taser	247	498
Unarmed skills	2454	3812
Grand Total	8220	10832

b) For each year, please provide totals for each ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known

Answer: -

Use of Force Ethnicity	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
Asian (or Asian British)	314	434
Black (or Black British)	832	1176
Chinese	6	16
Don't Know	37	62
Mixed	373	389
Other	69	94
White	6556	8429
Not Recorded	33	232
Grand Total	8220	10832

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- a) **Please provide the total number of Conducted Energy Device (CED, ie TASER) incidents recorded in your force over the past two years (Apr 2018 - Mar 2019 and April 2019 - Mar 2020)**

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year	
Taser Use	2018/2019	2019/2020
Used not Fired	348	644
Fired	67	108

- b) **For each year please provide the total number of incidents in which CEDs were discharged, along with the totals for each ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known**

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year	
Fired	2018/2019	2019/2020
Asian (or Asian British)	1	6
Black (Black British)	6	13
Chinese	0	0
Don't Know	0	4
Mixed	1	4
Other	0	0
White	59	77
Not Recorded	0	4
Grand Total	67	108

- c) **For each year please provide the total number of incidents in which CEDs were not discharged, along with the totals for each category of ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known**

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year
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Used not Fired	2018/2019	2019/2020
Asian (or Asian British)	5	23
Black (Black British)	47	62
Chinese	0	1
Don't Know	2	1
Mixed	11	43
Other	0	1
White	283	510
Not Recorded	0	3
Grand Total	348	644

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- a) *Please provide the total number times irritant spray was used in your force over the past two years (Apr 2018 - Mar 2019 and April 2019 - Mar 2020)*

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year	
CS Spray	2018/2019	2019/2020
Drawn	66	63
Used	58	76
Grand Total	124	139

Use of Force	Year	
PAVA Spray	2018/2019	2019/2020
Drawn	0	10
Used	0	18
Grand Total	0	28

- b) *For each year please provide the total number of incidents recorded in which irritant spray was discharged, along with the totals for each ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known*

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year	
CS Spray used	2018/2019	2019/2020
Asian (or Asian British)	0	3
Black (Black British)	3	16
Chinese	0	0
Don't Know	0	0
Mixed	4	3

Other	0	1
White	51	53
Not Recorded	0	0
Grand Total	58	76

Use of Force	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
PAVA Spray used		
Asian (or Asian British)	0	1
Black (Black British)	0	3
Chinese	0	0
Don't Know	0	0
Mixed	0	1
Other	0	0
White	0	13
Not Recorded	0	0
Grand Total	0	18

- c) *For each year please provide the total number of incidents in which irritant spray was not discharged, along with the totals for each ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known*

Answer: -

Use of Force	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
CS Spray drawn		
Asian (or Asian British)	2	2
Black (Black British)	11	14
Chinese	0	0
Don't Know	0	0
Mixed	4	3
Other	1	0
White	48	44
Not Recorded	0	0
Grand Total	66	63

Use of Force	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
PAVA Spray drawn		
Asian (or Asian British)	0	0
Black (Black British)	0	0
Chinese	0	0
Don't Know	0	0
Mixed	0	0
Other	0	0

White	0	10
Not Recorded	0	0
Grand Total	0	10

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- a) **Please detail the number of times officers have attended incidents over the past two years (Apr 2018 - Mar 2019 and April 2019 - Mar 2020) where the subject has been suffering from a confirmed or suspected ABD (acute behavioural disturbance)**

Answer: - Table shows total number of Use of Force forms tagged with ABD based off the Use of Force unique reference number

Use of Force	Year		Total
	2018/2019	2019/2020	
ABD Tagged			
Yes	177	279	456
No	5031	5858	10889
Not Recorded	284	199	483
Grant Total	5492	6336	11828

- b) **Please provide the number of times these incidents resulted in force such as restraint techniques, CED, irritant spray being, firearm or other force used**

Answer: -

Use of Force Type where ABD is equal to 'Y'	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
Not Recorded	0	0
AEP attenuating energy projectile drawn	0	1
AEP attenuating energy projectile used	0	0
Baton Drawn	4	3
Baton Used	7	1
Dog Biting	0	0
Dog deployed	1	0
Firearms	0	1
Handcuffing - Compliant	42	61
Handcuffing - Non-compliant	92	140
Irritant spray – CS drawn	0	5
Irritant spray – CS used	2	5
Limb / Body restraints	36	69
Other / Improvised	44	65
Shield	4	0
Spit guard	2	9

Taser	19	25
Unarmed skills	125	240
Grand Total	378	625

c) For each category - i.e. no force used, restraint, CED, irritant spray, firearm, other - please provide the totals for each ethnicity of the subject as perceived and provided by officers in use of force forms - i.e. the total number of white, black, Asian, or other subjects, as well as the total number not recorded/not known

Answer: -

Use of Force Type where ABD is equal to 'Y'	Year	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
Ethnicity		
Asian (or Asian British)	20	22
Black (Black British)	44	57
Chinese	0	27
Don't Know	7	2
Mixed	24	16
Other	0	2
White	408	743
Not Recorded	6	0
Grand Total	509	869

* Searched between 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2020 broken down by financial year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020

* Searched Use of Force systems

Please be advised use of force records may contain more than one entry therefore total of force types will not match the total number of unique use of force records

An example would one suspect may have had 3 types of tactics used on them which will be recorded to one use of force record with its own unique reference number

- **Tactical Communication**
- **Unarmed Skill**
- **Handcuffing – Compliant**

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.

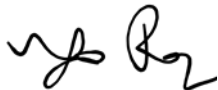
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

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
Notts
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 of 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/>