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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 19/08/2014.

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

Please find below answers to your questions:-

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.

1. Use of Tasers

See tables for total 2012-13 figures (published March 2014)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-use-of-taser-statistics-england-and-wales-2012-to-2013/police-use-of-taser-statistics-england-and-wales-2012-to-2013>

1. How many times were Tasers deployed on under-18s in 2008, 2013 and 2014?

2008: 1 person / time

2013: 5 persons / times

2014*: 1 person / time

* Please Note: Data for 2014 is up to 22/08/2014

2. What proportion of total Taser deployment was on under-18s in 2008, 2013 and 2014?

2008: 14 Taser deployments involving 'weapon use' therefore 14% of these were used on under 18s

2013: 106 Taser deployments involving 'weapon use' therefore 5% of these were on under 18s

2014*: 40 Taser deployments (up until 22nd Aug 2014) involving 'weapon use' therefore 3% of these were on under 18s

* Please Note: Data for 2014 is up to 22/08/2014

3. How many of those under-18s on whom Tasers were deployed in 2008, 2013 and 2014 were:

- a. under 10
- b. 10
- c. 11
- d. 12
- e. 13
- f. 14
- g. 15
- h. 16
- i. 17

Ages of individuals Tasers deployed on in 2008, 2013 and 2014*

Age	2008	2013	2014*
Under 10	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	0	0	0
15	1	0	0
16	0	3	0
17	0	2	1

* Please Note: Data for 2014 is up to 22/08/2014

4. In relation to the use of Tasers deployed on under-18s in 2008, 2013 and 2014 - in what number and/or proportion was the Taser:

- a. Drawn
- b. Aimed
- c. Red Dot
- d. Arced
- e. Fired
- f. Drive Stun
- g. Angled drive stun

Type of Taser deployment in 2008, 2013 and 2014*

Deployment	2008	2013	2014*
Drawn	0	4	0
Aimed	0	0	0
Red Dot	1	1	1
Arced	0	0	0
Fired	0	0	0
Drive Stun	0	0	0
Angled Drive Stun	0	0	0

* Please Note: Data for 2014 is up to 22/08/2014

2. Use of diversion for under-18s

- 1. How many young people under 18 were diverted away from the youth justice system pre-arrest in 2008 and 2013?**
- 2. What proportion of young people under 18 with whom the police come into contact were diverted away from the youth justice system pre-arrest in 2008 and in 2013?**
- 3. How many young people under 18 were diverted after arrest in 2008 and 2013?**
- 4. What proportion of young people under 18 with whom the police come into contact were diverted away from the youth justice system after arrest in 2008 and in 2013?**

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Further to our correspondence where you clarified that you would like “data on recorded informal warnings, restorative justice outcomes, and/or the use of triage” searches were conducted of Nottinghamshire Polices crime recording systems. Due to the way in which we access data on these systems to locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires us to pull back information related to all crimes over this period and then use system queries to ascertain what is relevant. An initial search revealed a total of 9349 records over the two years. Of these records there were 1886 which were duplicate records due to having more than one offender. In order to extract what information may be contained in these in relation to your request a manual interrogation of each record individually would need to be done.

We estimate that it would take approximately 3 minutes per record to search which would equate to approximately 94 working hours (for the two years of records). This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and engages Section 12 (1) of the Act.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with Section 12(1) of the act being applied

12. – (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Should you wish for the Force to continue with your request, a more accurate figure will be provided within a fee's notice. The cost will need to be paid by you, prior to any further investigation. Please advise if you wish to proceed.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold.

Due to the large numbers I am unable to suggest a refinement of this question that would bring the request within the cost threshold. However, should you wish to refine your request and resubmit it to bring it within the cost threshold I can advise you that we can retrieve the data for Questions 4, 5 and 6.

In the spirit of the Act, but outside of it, we have provided the information that we were already able to retrieve in relation to some of your other questions, these being Questions 1 and 7.

3. Number of dispersal orders

- 1. How many dispersal orders were in force in the police authority area in 2008, and in 2013?**
- 2. How many children under 18 breached a dispersal order in the police authority area in 2008, and in 2013?**
- 3. How many children under the age of 16 found in the area covered by the dispersal order were taken home or to a place of safety in 2008, and in 2013?**

4. Section 136 Mental Health Act 1983 assessments

- 1. How many children under 18 were removed to a place of safety under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in the police authority area in 2008, and in 2013?**
- 2. How many children under 18 were detained in a police custody suite under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in the police authority area in 2008, and in 2013?**
- 3. In these cases, how many times did the police record the use of force on the young person?**

4. How many mental health assessments took place in a police custody suite under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in the police authority area in 2008, and in 2013?

5. Use of force on young people under 18 in police custody

Please provide information on the following:

- 1. The total number and proportion of young people under 18 who were subject to the use of force while in police custody in 2008, and in 2013.**
 - 2. The total number of incidents in which physical restraint was used on young people under 18 in police custody, in 2008 and in 2013.**
 - 3. The total number of incidents of physical injury to young people under 18 during the use of physical restraint in police custody, in 2008 and in 2013.**
 - 4. The proportion of young people under 18 who experienced physical injury during physical restraint**
 - 5. The methods of physical restraint used on young people under 18 by police authorities in England in 2013.**
 - 6. The proportion and rank of staff trained in the use of force, and the use of physical restraint, on under-18s in 2013.**
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6. Use of strip searching on young people under 18 in police custody

- 1. The total number of incidents of strip searching of young people under 18 while in police custody in 2008, and in 2013.**
- 2. The proportion of young people under 18 who were strip searched while in police custody in 2008, and in 2013.**
- 3. The total number of incidents where no appropriate adult was present during the strip search of a young person under 18, in 2008 and in 2013.**
- 4. How many of the young people under 18 who were strip searched were:**
 - a. under 10 (in 2008, and in 2013)**
 - b. 10 (in 2008, and in 2013)**
 - c. 11 (in 2008, and in 2013)**
 - d. 12 (in 2008, and in 2013)**

- e. 13 (in 2008, and in 2013)
- f. 14 (in 2008, and in 2013)
- g. 15 (in 2008, and in 2013)
- h. 16 (in 2008, and in 2013)
- i. 17 (in 2008, and in 2013)

5. The total number of under-18s released without charge following a strip search in 2008, and in 2013.

6. The proportion of young people under 18 released without charge following a strip search in 2008, and in 2013.

7. Use of stop and search on children and young people under 18

Please provide information on:

1. The total number of children and young people under 18 who were stopped and searched in your jurisdiction in 2008/9^{***}. Of this total, please provide a breakdown:

- a. By age
 - i. Under 10
 - ii. 10-12
 - iii. 13-15
 - iv. 16-17
- b. By gender
- c. By ethnicity

2. The total number of children and young people under 18 who were stopped and searched in your jurisdiction in 2012/13^{**}.

- a. By age
 - i. Under 10
 - ii. 10-12
 - iii. 13-15
 - iv. 16-17
- b. By gender^{****}
- c. By ethnicity

3. The total number of children and young people under 18 who were stopped and searched in your jurisdiction in 2013/14.

- a. By age
 - i. Under 10
 - ii. 10-12
 - iii. 13-15
 - iv. 16-17
- b. By gender^{****}
- c. By ethnicity

Please see below for the partial answer to Questions 7(3) and 7(4)

**Number of Stop and Searches carried out by Ethnicity,
Age Group * and Financial Year *****

Ethnicity	Age Group	2012/13 **	2013/14
(1) White	9 and less	0	1
	10-12	4	18
	13-15	119	276
	16-17	194	462
(2) Mixed	10-12	0	1
	13-15	12	12
	16-17	7	25
(3) Asian or Asian British	13-15	5	8
	16-17	13	19
(4) Black or Black British	9 and less	0	0
	10-12	1	4
	13-15	14	34
	16-17	17	61
(5) Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	10-12	1	1
	13-15	1	2
	16-17	2	5
Not Stated	10-12	0	2
	13-15	5	18
	16-17	7	35

* Age Range Data is only where an Age is Recorded.

** 2012-13 Date are from 01/08/2012 - 31/03/2013. This is due to the installation of a new Stop & Search Database in August 2012

*** We are not able to provide data for 2008-09 because we did not record Stop & Search Data by Age in this time period

**** We do not record Gender details because this is not a data requirement set by the Home Office

Please Note-: This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change

Source-: Performance and Insight 08-09-2014

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 9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Officer

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;
- Are still waiting for a response and are unhappy with the delay.

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.

What if I'm still not satisfied?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner. You can contact the Information Commissioner Officer 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)

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