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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 12 December 2012.

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) How many children, aged under 16, have had a Taser deployed against them since 1st January 2010? Please only include firings and use in drive-stun mode, not incidents where the Taser was only drawn or aimed. Please break down the ages of the children the device was deployed against,***

| Age | Number of Taser deployments |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 12  | 0                           |
| 13  | 0                           |
| 14  | 1                           |
| 15  | 1                           |
| 16  | 0                           |

**2) What is the force's policy on the use of Tasers against people aged under 16?**

Nottinghamshire Police work to the national direction with regards to use of Taser and therefore do not have a separate policy which specifically advises on the use of Taser against people aged under 16 years.

You can find further information regarding the operational use of Taser by authorised firearms officers via the following link:

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/uniformed/2008/200812UNTAS01.pdf>

Additionally, the Defence Scientific Advisory Council Sub-Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal Weapons (DOMILL) issued a statement regarding the medical implications of use of the Taser and less-lethal systems on children and vulnerable adults which can be accessed via the following link:

<http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2012-0729/96605%20Library%20Deposit.pdf>

**3) How many Taser devices does the force own? Please do not include any shared between forces, such as in regional units.**

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**4) How many times, in total, has a Taser been deployed (fired or used in drive-stun mode) since 1st January 2010. Please provide individual figures for the calendar years 2010, 2011 and 2012 (to date).**

| Year | Taser Deployments |
|------|-------------------|
| 2010 | 19                |
| 2011 | 21                |
| 2012 | 17*               |

\* Figures up to 21/12/12

**Complaints Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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addressed to the Force Solicitor, Nottinghamshire Police, Force Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottinghamshire, NG5 8PP.

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

Yours sincerely

**Disclosure Officer**

## **Are you dissatisfied with your response?**

If so, prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Formal Independent Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager  
Nottinghamshire Police  
Force Headquarters  
Sherwood Lodge  
Arnold  
Nottingham  
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The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

### **Appeals**

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: [Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Or call: 01159672507

**Applications to the Information Commissioner**

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at [www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk)

Alternatively, Write to:

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

Or call: 01625 545700.