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Our ref: FOI 2021/550

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I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/6/2021 concerning tasers.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For each calendar year 2018, 2019 and 2020 and the period 1st January 2021 to 29th June 2021, could you please tell me:

- 1) How many times your police officers fired/discharged Tasers at people (i.e. in drive stun mode, angled drive stun mode or fired so that the barbs are discharged at the subject)?
- 2) The age range (i.e. youngest to oldest) of the people who police officers fired/discharged Tasers at?
- 3) For your answer to question 2, could you provide brief details of the incidents involving the youngest and oldest person tasered?
- 4) How many times your police officers fired/discharged Tasers at an animal (i.e. in drive stun mode, angled drive stun mode or fired so that the barbs are discharged)?
- 5) The type of animals (including breed if the animal is a dog) that police officers fired/discharged Tasers at?

Response

Please see the below tables.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Q1	
ReportedYear	Number of UOF Reports
2018	1
2019	31
2020	45
2021	15

Q2		
ReportedYear	ReportedAge	Number of UOF Reports
2018	Totals	1
	NULL	1
	Totals	31
	15	1
	17	1
	19	1
	20	1
	21	1
	22	1
	23	2
	24	4
	25	1
	26	1
	27	1
	28	1
	29	2
	30	4
	32	3
	33	2
	39	1
	44	1
	48	1
2019	60	1
	Totals	45
	NULL	1
	15	1
	16	2
	17	1
	19	1
	20	1
	21	2
	22	2
	23	2
	24	2
	25	2
	26	1
	27	1
	28	2
	29	1
	30	4
	33	5
	36	1
	37	2
	38	1
	40	2
	42	1
	43	1
	46	1
	47	2
	49	2
2020	52	1
	Totals	15
	17	2
	22	1
	24	1
	25	1
	28	1
	30	1
	31	1
	33	1
	34	1
	37	2
	40	1
	41	1
2021	45	1

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>