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Date: June 12, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/543

Reply contact name:

Dear Maya,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th May 2023 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 Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

1) Could you detail how many times a Taser gun has been successfully fired at an individual in the following years:

- a)2022
- b)2021
- c)2020
- d)2019

2) Of those who were shot by a Taser gun, could you provide an ethnicity breakdown in the following years

- a)2022
- b)2021
- c)202
- d)2019

3)Of those who were shot by a Taser gun, could you provide a gender breakdown in the following years:

- a)2022
- b)2021

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c)202
d)2019

4)Of those who were shot by a Taser gun, how many were under the age of 18 at the time that they had a Taser fired at them, in the following years

a)2022
b)2021
c)202
d)2019

5)Of those who were shot by a Taser gun AND were under the age of 18 at the time of the incident, could you detail how many were Asian, Black or any other ethnic minority in the following years?

a)2022
b)2021
c)202
d)2019

6)Of the incidents where a Taser gun was fired at an individual, how many took place in a setting where vulnerable people reside or are present, i.e care home, assisted living accommodations, psychiatric hospital or any other health care facilities in the following years?

a)2022
b)2021
c)202
d)2019

7) Of the incidents where a Taser gun was fired at an individual, how many resulted in the individual being referred to mental health services?

a)2022
b)2021
c)202
d)2019

8) How many times has an individual died as a direct consequence of being Tasered by one of your police officers in the following years?

a)2022
b)2021
c)202
d)2019

Response:

Question One

2019 = 28
2020 = 38
2021 = 26
2022 = 20

Question Two

2019

1 x Asian (or Asian British)
4 x Black (or Black British)
1 x Mixed
1 x Not Entered
21 x White

2020

4 x Black (or Black British)
3 x Mixed
2 x Not Entered
29 x White

2021

2 x Black (or Black British)
2 x Mixed
3 x Not Entered
19 x White

2022

1 x Asian (or Asian British)
3 x Black (or Black British)
1 x Mixed
15 x White

Question Three

2019

1 x Female
28 x Male

2020

38 x Male

2021

26 x Male

2022

20 x Male

Question Four

2019

2

2020

9

2021

7

2022

4

Question Five

2020

3 x Black or Black British
1 x Mixed

2022

1 x Mixed

Question Six

2019

1

Question Seven

Zero

Question Eight

Zero

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

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 Fol 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

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>