

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 07/04/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/326

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/03/2025 concerning tasers fired at children.

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.

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

You wrote:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request to obtain data on children under 18 who have had a taser fired at them by police from 2019 to 2024. Could you please categorise these statistics in a table format using the following requirements:

1. The amount of children had a taser fired at them in each individual year.

2. Then categorised by:

The child's race and ethnicity.

Their age, if there's not a specific age was the range between 11-17 or 0-10.

The reason why the taser was fired, for example, serious or aggravated resistance, aggressive resistance or active resistance.

Was the child found to have a weapon on them? If so, what type of weapon?

Was the child injured by the taser being fired.

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Response:

Q1:

1.

	Distinct Count of Subject
2019	1
2020	4
2021	2
2022	3
2023	3
2024	1
2025	2

Q2:

Subject Perceived Ethnicity	Subject Age	Reason Taser Used	Subject Weapon?	Subject Injured?
Black (or Black British)	11-17	Not engaging with Officers	Knife/bladed (possession)	Yes
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Stone/rock	Yes
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Knife/blade (used/ threatened)	No
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	No weapon used	Yes
Black (or Black British)	11-17	Making off from Officers	Blunt instrument	No
Mixed	11-17	Aggressive behaviour	Fist/ boot/ physical	No
White	11-17	Making threats to harm self and others	Knife/blade (used/ threatened)	No
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	No weapon used	No
White	11-17	Assaulting Officer	Fist/ boot/ physical	No
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Fist/ boot/ physical	Yes

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White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Fist/ boot/ physical	No
Black (or Black British)	11-17	Making off from Officers	No weapon used	No
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Fist/ boot/ physical	Yes
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	No weapon used	No
White	11-17	Making off from Officers	Glass/bottle	No
Black (or Black British)	11-17	Making off from Officers	No weapon used	No

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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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 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

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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/>