

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
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Date: 17/06/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/511

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2026 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.

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

You wrote:

I'm requesting data on children under 18 who have had a Taser fired at them (meaning the probes were deployed) by officers at your police force between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2025.

Please provide the following, broken down by calendar year in a table:

1. The total number of children under 18 who had a Taser fired at them in each year.
2. The child's self-defined ethnicity (White, Black, Asian, Mixed, Other, or Not Stated).
3. The total number of incidents where the child was aged 10 or under, and the total aged 11 to 17.
4. The recorded reason the Taser was fired (for example: serious or aggravated resistance, aggressive resistance, active resistance).
5. Whether the child was found to be carrying a weapon, and if so what type.
6. Whether the child sustained an injury, and if so what type.

On points 2 and 3: Looking at previous FOI's I know some forces have declined to provide ethnicity and age data on the grounds it could identify a child.

To be clear, I'm only asking for aggregate totals, not individual records.

That's not personal data under section 3(2) of the Data Protection Act 2018, and it wouldn't meet the ICO's motivated intruder test for identification. Several other forces have already provided exactly this, and I'm happy to share examples of how they've Keeping Wiltshire Safe

done it.

If complete records aren't held for the full period, please provide whatever is held within the date range.

If the full request would exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please prioritise points 1 and 2.

Everything else can be dropped if needed.

Response:

We are unable to access data prior to 6 years and 1 month.

2020 (June-Dec)	0
2021	2
2022	3
2023	3
2024	1
2025	3

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Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	No	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	No	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	No	Yes - minor
Not Stated	11 to 17	aggressive resistance	Yes- knife	Yes- minor
Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	No	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	aggressive resistance	No	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	Yes - knife	Yes
Not Stated	11 to 17	serious/aggravated resistance	Yes - machete	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	serious/aggravated resistance	No	No
White British	11 to 17	active resistance	No	Yes - minor
Not Stated	11 to 17	active resistance	No	No
Not Stated	11 to 17	serious/aggravated resistance	Yes - knife	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

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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 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

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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/>