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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/07811

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you tell me how many times tasers were used on children in the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 (to date). Please can you break the findings down into a) Age b) Ethnicity c) How it was used (Drawn, Aimed, Red dotted, Arced, Fired, Drive stun or Angled drive stun)

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

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

a) **Age of Child Subject of TASER use** - The Age ranges for younger Subjects of Use of Force are: Aged 10 Years or under, Aged 11 – 17 Years and Aged 18 – 34.

There is no recorded TASER use on Subjects Aged 10 Years or under.
 Details in the following tables relate exclusively to Subjects Aged 11 – 17 Years at the time of the Use of Force event.

b) **Ethnic origin of Child Subject of TASER use** -

TASER USE - SUBJECT AGED 11 - 17 YEARS, BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

Hertfordshire Constabulary	Asian	Black	Mixed	Not known	Other ethnic origin	White	ALL
2017	1	5	1			5	12
2018	1		2			8	11
2019 (to Nov)	3	9	2	1		20	35
ALL	5	14	5	1	0	33	58

c) **TASER use on Child Subject** – Details relate to the 1st TASER Cartridge used.

Numbers in brackets are the number of records. The Types of use can be greater than the number of records.

TASER USE, BY TYPE (1st CARTRIDGE) - SUBJECT AGED 11 - 17 YEARS

Hertfordshire Constabulary	Drawn only	Aimed	Arced	Red-Dot	Drive Stun	Fired	Angled Drive-Stun
2017 (12)		5		4			
2018 (11)		6		4		1	
2019 (to Nov) (35)		27	1	17		1	
ALL	0	38	1	25	0	2	0

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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