



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0133

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0133

On 05/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

[...] 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 in 2024.

Can these stats be categorised by race, ethnicity and also age?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that following a search of our recording systems, Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information in relation to Tasers being fired at persons under 18 years of age.

I can however confirm that there is data held in relation to the earlier stages of the use of a Taser – i.e. Red-Dotted, Aimed, Arced and Drawn. These are recorded on the Use of Force forms under the category of Most Significant Usage.

Taser - Most Significant Usage	Total
Taser - Red-Dotted	22
Taser - Aimed	1
Taser - Arced	4
Taser - Drawn	15
Total	42

Age and Ethnicity breakdowns have been provided below.

Please note that “race” is not recorded on Gloucestershire Constabulary systems and we can therefore only provide data related to Ethnicity.

Age Group	Total
0 To 10	0
11 To 17	42
Total	42

Ethnic Group	Total
Asian	3
Black	4
Other	2
White	33
Total	42

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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