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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0526

On 03/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

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 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.

It'd be great to get a response within the statutory 20 working days.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

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.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted by one of the Constabulary's subject matter experts. A nil (0) return was received for the information you requested.

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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