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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TASER FOI.

We refer to your email dated 15 May 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 18 May 2020.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- "1. How many times was a conducted energy device (e.g. Taser) deployed against children aged 11-17 and against those aged 0-11, during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket and of course by each month in question.
- 2. How many times in each of these months, broken down by month, was Taser deployed after officers attended incidents at schools, colleges and universities?
- 3. How many times was Taser deployed against adults during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – and of course by each month in question.
- 4. Please confirm the level of force used in each incident (arced, drive stun, aimed, drawn, fired, and red dotted) during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket and of course by each month in question."

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

1. How many times was a conducted energy device (e.g. Taser) deployed against children aged 11-17 and against those aged 0-11, during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – and of course by each month in question.

May 2019 Male - White North European - Age 17

2. How many times in each of these months, broken down by month, was Taser deployed after officers attended incidents at schools, colleges and universities?

August 2019 Male - White North European - Age 18 - Nursery

3. How many times was Taser deployed against adults during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – – and of course by each month in question.

Please confirm the level of force used in each incident (arced, drive stun, aimed, drawn, fired, and red dotted) during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – and of course by each month in question.

See the table below:

Date	Gender	Race	Age	Level of force (Taser)
2018				
April	Male	White	Not Recorded	Aimed
May	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
May	Female	White	18-34	Red Dotted
June	Male	White	Not Recorded	Drawn
June	Male	White	Not Recorded	Red Dotted
October	Male	White	18-34	Red Dotted
2019				
January	Male	White	18-34	Red Dotted
January	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
February	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
February	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
April	Female	White	18-34	Drawn
April	Male	White	35-49	Drawn
May	Male	White	18-34	Fired
May	Male	White	35-49	Red Dotted
May	Male	White	11-17	Red Dotted
July	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
August	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
August	Male	White	35-49	Red Dotted
September	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
November	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
November	Male	White	Not Recorded	Drawn
2020				
January	Female	White	50-64	Drawn

January	Male	Black	35-49	Fired
February	Male	White	18-34	Drawn
March	Male	Black	18-34	Fired
March	Male	Black	18-34	Fired
April	Male	Black	18-34	Drawn

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**