



26<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 002371/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many individuals had conducted energy weapons (also known as electroshock weapons), for example TASERS, discharged against them in each the calendar years 2014-2017.
- 2 Based on data held on searchable electronic systems or databases concerning incidents where electroshock weapons were discharged, could you please tell me whether any of the individuals who had electroshock weapons discharged against them are recorded as having any of the following implantable medical devices: neurostimulator, brain electrode(s), deep brain stimulation, deep brain stimulators, spinal cord stimulator, spinal cord stimulation, spinal cord electrode(s).
- 3 Please provide me with a copy of any internal documents concerning the use of electroshock weapons against individuals with implantable medical devices such as pacemakers or implantable defibrillators, or advising of precautions that should be taken in the use of electroshock weapons in relation to medical devices.
- 4 Please similarly provide copies of any investigations, reports, technical evaluations, or assessments on this matter that are possessed or have been produced by your force.

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1 Please see below details of Taser discharges:-

Year	Norfolk	Suffolk
2014	29	9
2015	23	13
2016	22	16
2017	31	16

Q2 This information is not held by the Constabularies.

Q3 Both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies use the College of Policing National Decision Model. A copy of this is available on the College of Policing website.

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means,

in this case via the College of Policing website; therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

This can be accessed via the link below:-

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/national-decision-model/the-national-decision-model/>

Q4 In respect of this part of your request, research has been undertaken by the Joint Professional Standards Department. No relevant information has been retrieved.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700