



29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002171/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of times a Conducted Energy Device (eg Taser) was deployed by officers between January 1 and June 24, 2020, including the number of times the weapons were discharged. Please provide the ethnicity of those against whom the CEDs were deployed.
- 2 The number of times a Conducted Energy Device (eg Taser) was deployed by officers between January 1 and December 31, 2019, including the number of times the weapons were discharged. Please provide the ethnicity of those against whom the CEDs were deployed.

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

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Jan to June 2020	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
Total Taser Deployments	364	183

Ethnicity	Drawn	Red Dot	Drive Stun	Angled Drive Stun	Firing	Arc	Aim	Total
<b>NORFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Black	8	18	0	0	3	0	4	33
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	14	2	0	0	0	0	1	17
Arabic	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4
White	90	179	0	0	34	8	15	326
<b>SUFFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black	7	10	0	0	3	0	4	24
Chinese	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	11
Arabic	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
White	51	76	0	2	9	0	14	152

Q2

2019	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
Total Taser Deployments	517	348

Ethnicity	Drawn	Red Dot	Drive Stun	Angled Drive Stun	Firing	Arc	Aim	Total
<b>NORFOLK</b>								
Asian	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Black	13	40	0	0	5	0	3	61
Chinese	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Unknown	17	7	0	0	0	1	2	27
Arabic	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
White	126	268	0	0	37	2	35	468
<b>SUFFOLK</b>								
Asian	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Black	18	27	0	0	1	0	4	50
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	10	11	0	0	1	0	2	25
Arabic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
White	88	143	0	1	25	0	29	287

There was also one level of use 'unknown' with ethnicity 'unknown' for Suffolk.

These figures relate to the Use of Force forms submitted where Taser has been 'Used' (as defined by the Home Office, i.e. Drawn, Arc, Aimed, RD, Firing, Drive Stun, Angled Drive Stun, Three-point contact mode). These uses can be spontaneous and not as a result of a 'deployment' by the Control room.

It should also be noted that the taser use may be against more than one subject, so the total number of subjects listed by ethnicity may differ to the Taser use totals. It must also be noted that Taser can be drawn and no suspects were seen therefore returning no ethnic code.

Quarterly 'use of force' data is published and can be accessed via the below:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/about-us/our-policies/use-force>

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-policies/use-force>

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 40 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  
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