

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 002695-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

1. "How many times were tasers drawn or aimed at children under 18 over the past four years?"

Please provide figures for the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 and where possible a breakdown of the children's age and race.

2. *How many tasers were fired or used in drive-stun mode, not just aimed or drawn against children under 18 over the past two years. Please provide figures for the calendars years 2015 and 2016 and where possible a breakdown of the children's age and race."*

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 6 February 2017

The following information has been retrieved from the Joint Firearms department:

1. The number of occasions Tasers were drawn or aimed at children under 18 years of age, is as follows

Norfolk				
Year	Drawn	Age / Race	Aimed	Age & Race
2013	0	n/a	0	n/a
2014	1	17 / IC1	0	n/a
2015	3	15 / IC1 15 / IC1 13 / IC1	0	n/a
2016	1	17 / IC1	0	n/a

Suffolk				
Year	Drawn	Age & Race	Aimed	Age & Race
2013	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
2014	0	n/a	1	17 / IC1
2015	2	15 / IC3 17 / IC1	n/a	n/a
2016	1	17 / IC1	2	17 / IC1

2. The total number of occasions a Taser has been fired or used in drive-stun mode against children under the age of 18, is as follows:

Norfolk				
Year	Fired	Age & Race	Drive Stun	Age & Race
2015	0	n/a	0	n/a
2016	1	14 / IC1	0	n/a

Suffolk				
Year	Fired	Age & Race	Drive Stun	Age & Race
2015	0	n/a	0	n/a
2016	2	17 / IC1 17 / IC1	0	n/a

Please note the race definitions are as follows:

IC1 – White

IC3 – Afro Caribbean