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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2773/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/05/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Ministry of Justice please.

In each of the following years to 1 April: 2019-20, 2020-21; 2021-22; 2022-2023

- How many times did the force use a Taser on people in each year? Please give the number of incidents, rather than the number of individuals.

Please break down by incidents where a Taser weapon was drawn, aimed or fired.

Where a Taser weapon was fired, please only mark this once (no need to note it was drawn or aimed in these cases), and similarly where a weapon was aimed, no need to note it was drawn.

- Please provide a breakdown of incidents by the age of the person who the weapon was used on - if exact age is not possible, please use the following brackets (0-17; 18-25; 25-65; 65-80; 80+).

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

- In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.
- In line with Home Office Annual Data Requirements, a use of force form is submitted by each individual officer each time they use force (e.g. Taser) - counts will reflect this, not the number of incidents. For example, if three officers submit use of force records for the same incident involving a single subject, then the count will be 3. We are not able to provide an incident count as the source data does not allow us to link multiple uses of force for the same incident. All counts refer to the highest level of use in each instance.
- Subject ages are reported in line with the banding mandated by the Home Office Annual Data Requirements.

Highest level of use	Apr 2019 Mar 2020	Apr 2020 Mar 2021	Apr 2021 Mar 2022	Apr 2022 Mar 2023
Drawn	249	232	264	256
Aimed	158	150	193	208
Arced	7	7	3	7
Red-dot	738	649	823	832
Drive stun	4	2	3	1
Angled drive stun	0	0	0	0
Fired	166	166	160	169
Total	1,322	1,206	1,446	1,473

Age	Apr 2019 Mar 2020	Apr 2020 Mar 2021	Apr 2021 Mar 2022	Apr 2022 Mar 2023
0 - 10	2	2	1	0
11 - 17	115	93	127	159
18 - 34	794	697	831	801
35 - 49	334	321	390	388
50 - 64	72	84	93	115
65 and over	5	9	4	10
Total	1,322	1,206	1,446	1,473