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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012105/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could I receive stats on the total number of children under 18, as a whole, in the last 5 years who have been tased? Would you also be able to provide the race/ethnicity stats for those groups too?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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.

We have selected records where the highest level of use is 'fired'. This means that the data does not include instances where a taser was aimed and not fired, for example.

Ethnicity	White	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	Unknown
Count	24	0	6	0	0	1