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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013964/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am seeking information on the use of tasers by your police force in mental health settings.

Could you please provide the following specific information:

- *A list of instances when tasers were deployed by members of your police force in mental health settings in the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.*
- *A breakdown of each institution in which these instances of taser deployment occurred.*
- *The age of each person who was tasered in each case provided.*

For the purposes of this request, the definition of 'mental health settings' includes:

- *Mental health hospitals*
- *Mental health wards*
- *Mental health clinics*

I am aware that police forces store this information, as per this BBC News article dated 2018: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42820284>

I am aware of the Section 40(2) Personal Information exemption. Please only provide details which would not identify the individuals involved.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others, and should this prove to be the case, I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible rather than hold up the entire request.

I also note your clarification received on 06/02/2025:

- *By "instances" I did mean the number of times tasers were used in each year, so a list of the number of times per age band would be helpful, thank you. If possible, a list of the exact age of the person the taser was used against would be ideal if possible.*
- *Can you please provide all levels of taser usage, and label each instance with the level of usage?*

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.

Data has been supplied from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2024.

In line with the Home Office guidance:

- When Tasers are deployed, different levels of usage may be reached, ranging from 'Drawn' to 'Fired'. The records provided show the highest level reached for each record.
- One incident may involve multiple officers and multiple individuals. Each officer reports their own personal use of force. In cases where more than one officer used force, there should be one record per officer per individual for the incident. The records of use of force represent these individual officer submissions, therefore they do not equate to the number of incidents where force was used, nor do they represent the number of individuals against whom force was used.
- Location types are selected from a set list of options. The records provided are those where 'mental health setting' has been selected - no further breakdown is available to us. N.B. Multiple locations and tactics (e.g. Taser) can be recorded for a single use of force record and, when that happens, we do not have the details of which tactics are used in which locations.
- We do not have exact ages. The age information is the perceived age at the time of the incident and is recorded in ranges:
 - 0 - 10
 - 11 - 17
 - 18 - 34
 - 35 - 49
 - 50 – 64
 - 65 and over

Proxy incident number	Incident Year	Subject's perceived age	C.E.D. Highest use
1	2019	35 - 49	Fired
2	2019	11 - 17	Aimed
3	2019	50 - 64	Aimed
4	2019	35 - 49	Drawn
4	2019	35 - 49	Drawn
5	2019	65 and over	Red-dot
6	2019	35 - 49	Red-dot
7	2019	18 - 34	Red-dot
7	2019	18 - 34	Fired
8	2019	18 - 34	Drawn
9	2019	35 - 49	Fired
9	2019	35 - 49	Fired
10	2019	35 - 49	Red-dot
11	2019	18 - 34	Aimed
11	2019	18 - 34	Aimed
12	2019	18 - 34	Aimed
13	2019	18 - 34	Red-dot
14	2019	18 - 34	Red-dot
15	2019	50 - 64	Red-dot
16	2019	35 - 49	Red-dot
17	2019	18 - 34	Drawn
18	2020	11 - 17	Red-dot
19	2020	35 - 49	Red-dot
20	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
20	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
21	2020	35 - 49	Drawn
22	2020	18 - 34	Aimed
23	2020	18 - 34	Drawn
23	2020	18 - 34	Drawn
24	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
24	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
25	2020	18 - 34	Drawn
26	2020	18 - 34	Fired
27	2020	35 - 49	Drawn
27	2020	18 - 34	Drawn
28	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
29	2020	35 - 49	Red-dot
30	2020	18 - 34	Red-dot
30	2020	18 - 34	Fired
31	2020	35 - 49	Fired
32	2020	18 - 34	Fired
33	2020	35 - 49	Red-dot

34	2021	18 - 34	Red-dot
35	2021	35 - 49	Drawn
36	2021	35 - 49	Red-dot
37	2021	18 - 34	Drawn
38	2021	18 - 34	Drawn
39	2021	35 - 49	Aimed
40	2021	18 - 34	Red-dot
40	2021	18 - 34	Red-dot
41	2021	18 - 34	Red-dot
42	2021	35 - 49	Red-dot
42	2021	35 - 49	Red-dot
43	2021	35 - 49	Red-dot
44	2021	35 - 49	Drawn
45	2021	18 - 34	Fired
46	2021	18 - 34	Drawn
47	2021	35 - 49	Drawn
48	2022	18 - 34	Drawn
49	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
50	2022	35 - 49	Red-dot
51	2022	50 - 64	Fired
52	2022	35 - 49	Aimed
53	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
54	2022	18 - 34	Aimed
54	2022	18 - 34	Drawn
55	2022	35 - 49	Red-dot
55	2022	35 - 49	Fired
56	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
57	2022	11 - 17	Drawn
58	2022	50 - 64	Red-dot
59	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
60	2022	11 - 17	Drawn
60	2022	11 - 17	Drawn
61	2022	18 - 34	Drawn
61	2022	18 - 34	Drawn
62	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
63	2022	18 - 34	Red-dot
64	2023	11 - 17	Drawn
65	2023	18 - 34	Red-dot
66	2023	18 - 34	Red-dot
67	2023	50 - 64	Fired
68	2023	18 - 34	Red-dot
68	2023	18 - 34	Fired
69	2023	35 - 49	Fired

69	2023	18 - 34	Fired
70	2023	18 - 34	Red-dot
71	2023	18 - 34	Drawn
72	2023	35 - 49	Red-dot
73	2023	18 - 34	Fired
74	2023	18 - 34	Drawn
74	2023	18 - 34	Aimed
75	2023	65 and over	Drawn
76	2023	18 - 34	Red-dot
77	2023	18 - 34	Drawn
78	2024	35 - 49	Red-dot
79	2024	35 - 49	Fired
79	2024	35 - 49	Red-dot
80	2024	65 and over	Red-dot
81	2024	18 - 34	Red-dot
82	2024	11 - 17	Red-dot
83	2024	11 - 17	Red-dot
84	2024	11 - 17	Red-dot
85	2024	35 - 49	Red-dot
86	2024	11 - 17	Aimed
87	2024	18 - 34	Arced
88	2024	18 - 34	Drawn
89	2024	18 - 34	Fired
90	2024	35 - 49	Red-dot
91	2024	18 - 34	Red-dot
92	2024	18 - 34	Drawn
93	2024	18 - 34	Red-dot
93	2024	18 - 34	Red-dot
94	2024	18 - 34	Arced