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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016989/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm requesting data on children under 18 who have had a Taser fired at them (meaning the probes were deployed) by officers at your police force between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2025.

Please provide the following, broken down by calendar year in a table:

1. *The total number of children under 18 who had a Taser fired at them in each year.*
2. *The child's self-defined ethnicity (White, Black, Asian, Mixed, Other, or Not Stated).*
3. *The total number of incidents where the child was aged 10 or under, and the total aged 11 to 17.*
4. *The recorded reason the Taser was fired (for example: serious or aggravated resistance, aggressive resistance, active resistance).*
5. *Whether the child was found to be carrying a weapon, and if so what type.*
6. *Whether the child sustained an injury, and if so what type.*

On points 2 and 3: Looking at previous FOI's I know some forces have declined to provide ethnicity and age data on the grounds it could identify a child.

To be clear, I'm only asking for aggregate totals, not individual records.

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 the Home Office guidance, each officer reports their own personal use of force. In cases where more than one officer used force on the same individual, there should be one record per officer. The records of use of force represent these individual officer submissions, therefore they may not equate to the number of incidents where force was used, nor do they represent the number of individuals against whom force was used.

Person age information is the perceived age at the time of the incident and is recorded in ranges. The date of birth is held (if provided), however there are known data quality issues with this field therefore the perceived age range has been used as our preferred method.

Person's self-defined ethnicity is only recorded from May 2023 onwards.

Du mm y Inc iden t Nu mb er	Subject's Self Defined Ethnicity	Sub ject 's per ceiv ed age	Subjec t - injured as a result of force used	Sub ject - nat ure of inju ry	Prim ary Con duct	Impact Factors	Reason for Force
1		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Ver bal resist ance /gest ures	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest
2		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
3		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Aggre ssive resist ance	Prior Knowledge	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Prevent escape;#Effect arrest;#Secure evidence
4		#Any#Child	No	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent escape;#Effect arrest;#Secure

		#11 - 17					evidence;#Effect search;#Protect public
5		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
6		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
7		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Aggressive resistance	Size / Gender / Build	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Prevent offence;#Protect other officers
8		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Active resistance	Other	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Prevent offence;#Protect other officers;#Effect arrest
9		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Serious or aggravated resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm
10		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Serious or aggravated resistance	Acute Behavioural Disorder	#Protect public;#Protect self;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
10		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Serious or aggravated resistance	Acute Behavioural Disorder	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
11		#Any#Child	Unknown	Not applicable	Active resistance	Other	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Secure evidence

		#0 - 10					
12		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Aggressive resistance	Drugs	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
13		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Aggressive resistance	Alcohol	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm
14		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect subject;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
14		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Active resistance	Prior Knowledge	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
15		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Aggressive resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest
16		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
17		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Serious or aggravated resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
18		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Serious or aggravated resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Method of entry;#Prevent harm
19		#Any#Child	No	Not applicable	Serious or aggravated	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Prevent offence

		#11 - 17			resist ance		
20		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Aggre ssive resist ance	Mental Health	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape;#Other
21		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Serio us or aggre vated resist ance	Mental Health	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Prevent offence
22		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Aggre ssive resist ance	Mental Health	#Protect self;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent harm
23		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Effect arrest
24		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Unkno wn	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Size / Gender / Build	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Secure evidence
25		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Activ e resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest
26		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Aggre ssive resist ance	Mental Health	#Protect subject;#Prevent harm;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Prevent escape
27		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect

							arrest;#Secure evidence;#Prevent escape
27		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
28		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Active resistance	Size / Gender / Build	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
29		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Serious or aggravated resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm
30		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Aggressive resistance	Prior Knowledge	#Protect self
31		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Size / Gender / Build	#Prevent escape;#Effect arrest
31		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Verbal resistance / gestures	Size / Gender / Build	#Protect self;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest
32		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Other	#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
33		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Unknown	Not applicable	Serious or aggravated resistance	Alcohol	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm
34		#Any#Child	No	Not applicable	Active	Other	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent harm

		#11 - 17		lica ble	resist ance		
35		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Serio us or aggre vated resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
36		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Activ e resist ance	Other	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
37		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Yes	Min or	Serio us or aggre vated resist ance	Drugs	#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect search;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape;#Prevent harm
38		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Activ e resist ance	Mental Health	#Protect subject;#Protect public;#Protect self;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
39		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Passi ve resist ance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Effect search;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
40		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	No	Not app lica ble	Serio us or aggre vated resist ance	Other	#Protect self;#Effect arrest
41		#Any#C hild #11 - 17	Unkno wn	Not app lica ble	Aggre ssive resist ance	Other	#Protect self;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape;#Prevent harm

42		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers
43		#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Verbal resistance/gestures	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Secure evidence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
44		#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Aggressive resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
45	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Threats & Aggression	#Possession of a weapon#Alcohol#Drugs#Mental health#Size/Gender/Build#Other impact factor	#Protect Self#Protect subject#Protect other officers#Prevent offence
46	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	#Any#Child #11 - 17	No	Not applicable	Punching	#Alcohol#Drugs#Mental health#Crowd	#Protect Self#Protect subject#Protect other officers#Prevent offence#Effect arrest#Protect public
47	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Passive Resistance	#Mental health#Other impact factor	#Protect subject#Prevent harm#Prevent escape#Other reason#Protect public
48	Black Other/Other Black British/Other Caribbean background	#Any#Child #11 - 17	Yes	Minor	Punching	#Drugs#Other impact factor	#Protect Self#Protect subject#Protect other officers#Prevent offence#Effect arrest#Prevent harm

49	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Threats & Aggression	#Possession of a weapon#Mental health#Prior knowledge#Size/Gender/Build	#Protect Self#Protect subject#Protect other officers#Prevent offence#Effect arrest#Prevent harm#Protect public
50	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Making Off	#Other impact factor	#Effect arrest#Protect public
51		#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Compliant	Other	#Prevent harm
52		#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Active resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect public;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent escape
53		#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Serious or aggravated resistance	Possession of a weapon	#Protect self;#Protect public;#Protect subject;#Protect other officers;#Prevent offence;#Secure evidence;#Effect search;#Effect arrest;#Prevent harm;#Prevent escape
54	Black Other/Other Black British/Other Caribbean background	#AnyChild#11-17	No	Not applicable	Making Off	#Possession of a weapon	#Protect Self#Protect other officers#Prevent offence#Effect arrest#Protect public