



**METROPOLITAN  
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**Freedom of Information Request Reference No:**

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the data broken down by:

- (a) age;
- (b) ethnicity, and;
- (c) category of highest use (i.e. Drawn, Aimed, Arched, Red Dotted, Drive Stun, Angled Drive Stun and Fired).

**DECISION**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached a file titled Tasers used on children aged 17 and under FOIA Final, pursuant to your request above.

Explanation of data

The reason the data for December 2016 has not been supplied is because it can take up to twelve weeks for the necessary documents to be completed and then submitted for it to be updated onto the SCO19 (Specialist Crime and Operations) Taser database. This way the MPS can be sure that the data supplied is more accurate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Metropolitan Police Service.

**Information Rights Unit**



### Tasers used on children aged 17 and under

#### January 2016 to November 2016

Protective Marking	<b>Not protectively marked</b>
Suitable for Publication Scheme	<b>Yes</b>
Ad-Hoc Reference Number	7991
FOIA/MOPAC Ref Number	
Summary	Tasers used on children aged 17 and under for the date range January 2016 to November 2016
Creating Branch / Directorate	MetHQ - Strategy and Insight
Date Created	02/03/2017
Review Date	<b>02/03/2018</b>

**This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from:**

**Date Live data was extracted:**

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**Notes**

Data sourced from SO19 taser database on 02/03/2017, the following usage has been counted: Drawn, Aimed, Red Dot, Fired, Drive Stun, Angled Drive Stun, Arced. The request was completed using subject data for deployments broken down by age, usage and ethnicity for the date range of January 2016 till November 2016. Please see definitions tab for an explanation for the different types of use.

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le below sets out the definition for the different types of taser uses

Level of use

Type of use

Definition

**Highest use**

<b>Fired</b>	The Taser is fired with a live cartridge installed. When the trigger is pulled, the probes are fired into the subject so that the electrical circuit is completed and an incapacitating effect delivered.
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<b>Angled Drive Stun</b>	The officer fires the weapon with a live cartridge installed. However one of the probes does not attach itself properly. The officer then holds the Taser against the subject's body in a different area to the probe, in order to complete the electrical circuit and deliver an incapacitating effect.
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<b>Drive stun</b>	With a live cartridge installed, the Taser is held against the subject's body and the trigger is pulled. Contact with the subject completes the electrical circuit which causes pain but does not deliver an incapacitating effect.
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**Non-discharges**

<b>Red dotted</b>	The weapon is not fired. Instead, the Taser is deliberately aimed and then partially activated so that a laser red dot is placed onto the subject.
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<b>Arcing</b>	Sparking of the Taser without aiming it or firing it.
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<b>Aimed</b>	Deliberately aiming of the Taser at a targeted subject.
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**Lowest use**

<b>Drawn</b>	Drawing of Taser in circumstances where any person could reasonably perceive the action to be a use of force.
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**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

**Tasers used on children aged 17 and under, broken down ethnicity and highest category of use for the date range of January 2016 to November 2016.**

Ethnicity/ Usage Method	Age of Subjects							Grand Total
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<b>Asian</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
Aimed	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Drawn	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fired	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Red dot	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	7
<b>Black</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>66</b>
Aimed	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	6
Drawn	0	1	1	0	3	5	10	20
Fired	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Red dot	1	0	0	2	10	11	13	37
<b>Mixed Race</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Aimed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Red dot	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
<b>Not shown</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Drawn	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Red dot	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<b>White</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>
Aimed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Drawn	0	2	1	0	3	1	5	12
Fired	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Red dot	0	0	0	3	7	2	5	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>118</b>

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