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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 349/25 – Tasers fired

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 20th March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request to obtain data on children under 18 who have had a taser fired at them by police from 2019 to 2024.

Could you please categorise these statistics in a table format using the following requirements:

- The amount of children had a taser fired at them in each individual year.*

Then categorised by:

- The child's race and ethnicity.*
- Their age, if there's not a specific age was the range between 11-17 or 0-10.*
- The reason why the taser was fired, for example, serious or aggravated resistance, aggressive resistance or active resistance.*
- Was the child found to have a weapon on them? If so, what type of weapon?*
- Was the child injured by the taser being fired.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Information provided in the following table has been obtained from our Firearms Unit.

There were no children tasered in years 2019 - 2022

Year	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Injury	Weapon
2019	Nil				
2020	Nil				
2021	Nil				
2022	Nil				
2023	17	Male	White	Minor	None
2024	17	Male	White	None	None



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Please note that the reason for the taser is not recorded on the taser forms and instead the officer justifies each use through a detailed rationale which includes a multitude of factors. To list a specific reason for the purpose of this request would involve an interpretation of the rationale and for this reason we are not required to provide this information.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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