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Date: 2nd August 2017

Dear Kevin Blowe

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: ICDS/FOI/003832/17

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on 18/07/2017 which was as follows:

As you are aware, from 1 April 2017, the Home Office have stipulated that all use of force must be recorded by officers in the same way.

Please can you provide a breakdown of use-of-force data relating to incidents at the Cuadrilla fracking site on Preston New Road since 1 July 2017 to date that includes:

- 1. The number of Use of Force forms completed by officers***
- 2. The number of times officers have drawn and/or used irritant spray***
- 3. The number of times officers have drawn and/or used batons.***
- 4. The number of times officers have drawn and/or used Tasers.***
- 5. How many times have officers recorded injuries caused to the person they have used force against?***

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking can be found below:

1. There have been 165 Use of Force Reports submitted where the 'Preston New Road' site is referenced.

Of the 165 Use of Force Reports I can advise that:

2. There are none recorded with Irritant Spray PAVA Drawn / Used.
3. There are two recorded with Baton Drawn and/or used.
4. There are none recorded with Taser Used (includes drawn).
5. There is one recorded where the Subject received injuries as a result of an officers force.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance Manager, Information Compliance and Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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