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Dear Ivy Burnett,

Freedom of Information request reference: 59346

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 July 2020, in which you request information about:

Police use of Tasers on mentally ill, mentally disabled and emotionally distressed people in England and Wales in the years 2015 to 2020, including 'highest use', 'ethnicity' and 'gender'.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We are considering your request. Although the FOIA carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified' exemptions, are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The FOIA allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 22 of the FOIA, which relates to information intended for future publication. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 2 September.

Yours sincerely,

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