

**Information Compliance & Records Management Unit
Information Services Branch
Greater Manchester Police**

Mr Terry Flemming

Our ref: GSA 283/22

Please quote our reference
number when responding

Sent by email only:

request-824383-
ac436e38@whatdotheyknow.com

9th February 2022

Dear Mr Flemming,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ("FOI") REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 283/22

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/01/2022, I note you seek access to the following information:

Your FOI Request

How many people have had a taser drawn on them (commonly known as being "red dotted") and how many people have had a taser discharged on them between March 2020 and December 2021 by Greater Manchester Police.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

The information that you have requested can be found below and the following caveats need to be taken into consideration alongside the data provided.

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.

GMP record CED (Taser) usage in line with the Home Office hierarchy of deployment. "Drawn" and "red-dot" are different deployment options.

Your request only refers to the amount of; (i) people that have had a taser drawn on them (red dotted); and (ii) people that have had a taser discharged on them, therefore only that information has been provided in the table below.

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 count per officer for the incident. The counts of use of force represent these individual officer

submissions, therefore they do not equate to the number of incidents where force was used, nor do they represent the number of individuals against whom force was used.

Results

Taser usage for incidents between 1/03/2020 and 31/12/2021	
Red-dot	1308
Discharged/Fired	287

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please email FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Compliance & Records Management Unit

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to email the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to contact you to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Information Compliance & Records Management Unit Manager
Information Compliance & Records Management Unit
Information Services Branch
Greater Manchester Police
Openshaw Complex
Lawton Street
Manchester
M11 2NS

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700