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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/02796

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many times was a conducted energy device (e.g. Taser) deployed against children aged 11-17 and against those aged 0-11, during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – and of course by each month in question.
2. How many times in each of these months, broken down by month, was Taser deployed after officers attended incidents at schools, colleges and universities?
3. How many times was Taser deployed against adults during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – – and of course by each month in question.
4. Please confirm the level of force used in each incident (arced, drive stun, aimed, drawn, fired, and red dotted) during each month to date in 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by race, gender and age bracket – and of course by each month in question.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

Response - I can confirm that information relating to Taser use has been published on Bedfordshire Police website.

<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/about-us/transparency/use-of-force-statistics>

This information is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 provides that where information is available to you from another source we do not have to provide further copies. The information you have requested is available on Bedfordshire Police website using the above link.

Further information as requested: -

Q1 – nil 0 -11

Q2 – Once March 2019

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.