



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 550/2020

Request:

1) The total number of times Use of Force was used for the period January to March 2020. Please break this total number down by tactic and present the information in an Excel spreadsheet. Ideally this should look like:

January to March 2020
Tasers used: 5
Batons: 10
Dogs: 2
Total Use of Force: 12

Please note, there are of course many more tactics than this. The link I provided gives a full list, but you may have your own.

2) Please provide details of the ethnicity of the subjects that Use of Force tactics were used against. Using the preceding example table, this should look like:

January to March 2020
Tasers used: 5 Asian: 1 White: 4
Batons: 10 Black: 1 White: 9
Dogs: 2 White: 2

Please present this information in an Excel spreadsheet. Please use ethnicity codes, if you would like, but please provide me with a key for that. If you cannot, for operational or cost reasons, provide the ethnicity of subject for each tactic, please provide the ethnicity breakdown for the total number of tactics e.g.

January to March 2020
Total Use of Force: 12 Asian: 2 Black: 3 White: 7

3) Please repeat requests 1 and 2 for the time period April to June 2020. If you do not yet have data for this entire period, please provide it for the months you do have.

Response 1

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

1st January – 31st March 2020 Police use of tactics

Tactic	Total use of force
AEP drawn	5
Baton drawn	4
Baton used	4
Compliant Handcuffing	355
Dog deployed	4
Firearms	32
Ground restraint	69
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	11
Irritant spray – PAVA used	18
Limb/Body restraints	25
Non-compliant Handcuffing	271
Other / improvised	46
Spit guard	10
Tactical communications	650
Taser	85
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints & takedowns)	451
Total	2040

Response 2:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below. To avoid the application of exemptions, the ethnicity has been provided for the overall use of force.

Use of force by ethnicity

Ethnicity	Total use of force
Any Other Asian Background	4
Any Other Black Background	6
Any Other White Background	60
Asian - Bangladeshi	3
Asian - Pakistani	5
Black - African	3
Black - Caribbean	7
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	5
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	2
Not Stated	320
White - Irish	11
White British	1614
Total	2040

Response 3:

This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act and disclosed on the 22nd September 2020.

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

1st April – 30th June 2020 Police use of tactics

Tactic	Total Use of force
AEP drawn	4
Baton drawn	2
Baton used	1
Compliant Handcuffing	377
Dog deployed	10
Firearms	34
Ground restraint	63
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	14
Irritant spray – PAVA used	15
Limb/Body restraints	25
Non-compliant Handcuffing	229
Other / improvised	38
Spit guard	6
Tactical communications	561
Taser	97
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints & takedowns)	367
Total	1843

Use of force by ethnicity

Ethnicity	Total tactic's used
Any Other Asian Background	8
Any Other Black Background	3
Any Other White Background	35
Asian - Bangladeshi	2
Black - Caribbean	9
Mixed - White and Asian	2
Mixed - White and Black African	1
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	2
Not Stated	356
White - Irish	15
White British	1410
Total	1843

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.