



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 825/2020

Request:

I would like to know

1. how many times an officer in your force has discharged their taser with the intent to use it on a member of the public I'd like to know all instances between 01/01/2020 and 31/09/2020,
2. the reasons given for doing so,
3. and whether the instance was deemed appropriate by supervising officers if the information is held.

Clarification requested:

- i) Is discharged referring all types of use i.e. drawn, red-dotted, arced, aimed fired etc.?
- ii) Can you be more specific as to what you require when you ask for the reason

Clarification received:

I'd like to know all instances of when a taser has been used (drawn, aimed, red dot, arced, fired, drive stun, angled drive stun), and the reason given (active resistance, aggressive resistance, passive resistance, verbal resistance or gesturing).

Response 1:

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

From 01st January 2020 to 31 September 2020, there are 274 records of a Taser being used. This includes aimed, arced, drawn, fired or red-dotted.

Responses 2 and 3:

I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police due to the fact that the information requested is not recorded by the force.

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.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.