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Reported and recorded uses of TASER

This is the third report on the trial of the extension of the use of TASER to specially trained units from 1st September 2007. The reports attached to this letter detail the figures for the end of quarter 3 on a cumulative basis.

Reports on the use of TASER are broken down into three tables:

1. All uses of TASER in England and Wales since introduction in April 2004 up to 31 May 2008 (Table 1).
2. TASER use by authorised firearms officers outside of a firearms authority from 20 July 2007 to 31 May 2008 (Table 2).
3. TASER use by specially trained units in the first 9 months in the ten trial forces' areas from 1 September 2007 to 31 May 2008 (Table 3).

This report represents a breakdown of TASER usage by specially trained units within the ten forces participating in the current pilot trial.

The forces participating in the trial are Avon and Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, Gwent, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Metropolitan Police Service, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, North Wales and West Yorkshire.

NB: Not all forces have participated during these whole periods.

The above reports detail the number of uses of TASER – only the highest level of 'use'¹ for each TASER deployment is recorded. The total number of 'incidents' is also reported in the tables to provide continuity with how TASER deployments have previously been recorded by ACPO. The attached tables' principal focus on TASER 'uses' as opposed to TASER 'incidents' is designed to ensure full transparency on TASER deployment as there may be more than one 'use' at an 'incident'.

1. 'Use' as defined by ACPO: TASER Operational Guidance July 2007 policy section 5.2

NB: Direct comparisons between forces should be drawn with caution for the following reasons:

- Not all forces have participated during all periods.
- The population size and demographic within each force area varies considerably
- Deployment forms are not always received in a timely fashion or chronological order.
- We cannot be certain that historically all forces have recorded TASER usage in the same way, though this has been mitigated by ACPO issuing clear instructions to forces on reporting procedures.
- All figures are based on forms detailing deployments between the stated dates and submitted to HOSDB by 8th July 2008.

**Table 1 - TASER use in England and Wales excluding the original 2003 pilot
- 22 April 2004 to 31 May 2008**

Force	Usage Details								Incident/Subject Details			
	Discharges	Drive-stuns	Arced	Red Dot	Aimed	Drawn	Not Stated	Total Used	# Incidents	# incidents involving >1 subject	# Subjects	# Incidents involving >1 TASER used
Avon & Somerset Constabulary	20	2	9	30	2	19		82	70	1	92	10
Bedfordshire Police	18	1	1	9	2	1		32	30		30	2
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	5		1	55	4	7		72	54	2	57	14
Cheshire Constabulary	13		3	10	1	3		30	24		24	6
City of London Police				3				3	3		3	
Cleveland Police	30	1		41		7		79	72	1	73	7
Cumbria Constabulary	3	1	2	34	1	3	1	45	37		37	6
Derbyshire Constabulary	4			26	1	2		33	25	1	26	7
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	29	2	2	28	2	4		67	55		55	12
Dorset Police	20	4	5	23	1	7		60	52		52	5
Durham Constabulary	25	1		46		1		73	52		52	12
Dyfed-Powys Police	2			4	1	1		8	8		8	
Essex Police	12	4		9		2		27	27		27	
Gloucestershire Constabulary	22	1		33	2			58	37		38	17
Greater Manchester Police	17	7		12		1		37	34	1	35	1
Gwent Police	5		2	28	1	2		38	32		32	5
Hampshire Constabulary	11			2		1		14	12		12	1
Hertfordshire Constabulary	17	2	2	26		14		61	49		49	9
Humberside Police	13	1	9	70	3	3		99	82	1	83	12
Kent Police	2			11		7		20	19		19	1
Lancashire Constabulary	35	4	1	39	1	6		86	74	1	75	11
Leicestershire Constabulary	11	1	13	18	2	7		52	45	1	46	5
Lincolnshire Police	8	2	1	8	1	3		23	17		17	5
Merseyside Police	15	1	1	23	10	6		56	40	1	43	7
Metropolitan Police	190	43	13	114	14	52	3	429	332	17	405	59
Norfolk Constabulary	15	1	1	7				24	22		22	2
North Wales Police	28	4	2	70	8	5		117	100	1	117	9
North Yorkshire Police	9	4	5	32	3	6		59	43	1	62	12
Northamptonshire Police	8	1		7		3		19	17		17	1
Northumbria Police	31	2	1	165	16	59	1	275	198	10	211	48
Nottinghamshire Police	5			5		1		11	8		8	3
South Wales Police	15			8	2	1		26	23		23	3
South Yorkshire Police	6			2				8	8		8	
Staffordshire Police	13	4	6	61	7	6	1	98	68	3	73	22
Suffolk Constabulary	10	1		8		2		21	21		21	
Surrey Police	1	2	2	13		1		19	13		13	4
Sussex Police	10	1		24	1	4		40	24	1	27	10
Thames Valley Police	7	2		7	1			17	17		17	
Warwickshire Police						1		1	1		1	
West Mercia Constabulary	23	3	2	34	1	1		64	49	4	53	11
West Midlands Police	41	4	1	36				82	60	1	62	16
West Yorkshire Police	67	7	8	75	3	3	1	164	139	1	141	18
Wiltshire Constabulary	17	1	1	11	1			31	25		25	6
X Not Stated	1				1			2	2		2	
Totals	834	115	94	1267	93	252	7	2662	2120	49	2293	379

NB: Only the highest level of 'use' for each TASER deployment is recorded.

'Use' as defined by ACPO: TASER Operational Guidance July 2007 policy section 5.2

Table 2 - TASER use in England and Wales by authorised firearms officers outside of a firearms authority from 20 July 2007 to 31 May 2008

Force	Usage Details								Incident/Subject Details			
	Discharges	Drive-stuns	Arced	Red Dot	Aimed	Drawn	Not Stated	Total Used	# Incidents	# incidents involving >1 subject	# Subjects	# Incidents involving >1 TASER used
Avon & Somerset Constabulary	11	1	7	12	2	5		38	33	1	53	4
Bedfordshire Police	1	1		3				5	4		4	1
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	3		1	29	1	6		40	31	2	34	6
Cheshire Constabulary	4			5		2		11	8		8	3
City of London Police				1				1	1		1	
Cleveland Police	1			6				7	6		6	1
Cumbria Constabulary	1	1	1	24	1	1		29	24		24	5
Derbyshire Constabulary	3			12	1	2		18	11	1	12	7
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	6	2	1	10				19	17		17	2
Dorset Police	4	2	2					8	7		7	1
Durham Constabulary	1							1	1		1	
Dyfed-Powys Police				1	1			2	2		2	
Essex Police	6	3		4		1		14	14		14	
Gloucestershire Constabulary	10	1		16	2			29	17		18	9
Greater Manchester Police	4	1		3				8	7		7	
Gwent Police			1	4		2		7	6		6	1
Hampshire Constabulary												
Hertfordshire Constabulary	3	1	2	13		9		28	22		22	5
Humberside Police	9	1	4	33		2		49	42	1	43	7
Kent Police				8		6		14	13		13	1
Lancashire Constabulary	15	3	1	15		6		40	35		35	4
Leicestershire Constabulary	7	1	9	12	2	7		38	34	1	35	3
Lincolnshire Police	1	2		4		3		10	7		7	3
Merseyside Police	3			5				8	6	1	7	1
Metropolitan Police Service	8	4		1		1		14	11	1	12	2
Norfolk Constabulary	7		1	3				11	10		10	1
North Wales Police	6	2		12	2	3		25	24		24	1
North Yorkshire Police	4	4	4	16	1	5		34	25	1	44	6
Northamptonshire Police	2	1		1		2		6	6		6	
Northumbria Police				5	1	2		8	6		6	2
Nottinghamshire Police				5		1		6	5		5	1
South Wales Police	6			5	2	1		14	12		12	2
South Yorkshire Police	1			1				2	2		2	
Staffordshire Police	5	4	4	13		3		29	19	1	20	9
Suffolk Constabulary	1			1		1		3	3		3	
Surrey Police		1	1	9		1		12	6		6	4
Sussex Police	4			10	1	3		18	11		11	5
Thames Valley Police	1	2		2				5	5		5	
Warwickshire Police												
West Mercia Constabulary	16	3	1	24		1		45	33	3	36	9
West Midlands Police				1				1	1		1	
West Yorkshire Police	21	1	2	24		2		50	42		42	9
Wiltshire Constabulary	10	1	1	7	1			20	16		16	4
Totals	185	43	43	360	18	78	0	727	585	13	637	119

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Table 3 - TASER use in England and Wales by specially trained units in the first 9 months in the ten trial forces' areas from 1 September 2007 to 31 May 2008

Force	Usage Details								Incident/Subject Details				STU Use Start Date in Trial Forces
	Discharges	Drive-stuns	Arced	Red Dot	Aimed	Drawn	Not Stated	Total Used	# Incidents	# Incidents involving >1 subjects	# Subjects	# Incidents involving >1 TASER used	
Avon & Somerset Constabulary	1	1		7		13		22	19		19	3	01/09/2007
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	8			15	2	4		29	21		22	7	24/09/2007
Gwent Police	1			6				7	6		6	1	01/09/2007
Lincolnshire Police													01/09/2007
Merseyside Police					1			1	1		1		01/09/2007
Metropolitan Police Service	14	2	11	74	9	44		154	94	6	114	35	10/12/2007
North Wales Police	7	1		5	1			14	13		13	1	01/09/2007
Northamptonshire Police	1					1		2	2		2		13/11/2007
Northumbria Police	25	2	1	99	9	46		182	134	5	136	43	01/09/2007
West Yorkshire Police													09/06/2008
Totals	57	6	12	206	22	108	0	411	290	11	313	90	

NB: Only the highest level of 'use' for each TASER deployment is recorded.

STU = Specially Trained Units

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