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Reported and recorded uses of TASER

This is the second 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 2 on a cumulative basis.

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

1. All uses of TASER in the UK since introduction in April 2004 up to 29 February 2008 (Table 1).
2. TASER use by authorised firearms officers outside of a firearms authority from 20 July 2007 to 29 February 2008 (Table 2).
3. TASER use by specially trained units in the first 3 months in the ten trial forces' areas from 1 September 2007 to 29 February 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 6.6.3

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 21st April 2008.

**Table 1 - TASER use in the UK excluding the original 2003 pilot
- 22 April 2004 to 29 February 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	13	1	7	18	2	12		53	46	2	68	5
Bedfordshire Police	13	1	1	6	2	1		24	23		23	1
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	3			40	3	6		52	37	3	39	12
Cheshire Constabulary	9		3	7	1	2		22	18		18	4
City of London Police				3				3	3		3	
Cleveland Police	28	1		36		6		71	64	2	65	7
Cumbria Constabulary	3	1	2	21	1	2	1	31	26		26	3
Derbyshire Constabulary	4			24	1	2		31	24	2	24	7
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	15	2	2	13	1			33	28		28	5
Dorset Police	18	3	3	23	1	7		55	48		48	4
Durham Constabulary	24	1		42				67	47		47	12
Dyfed-Powys Police	2			3	1	1		7	7		7	
Essex Police	9	1		4		1		15	15		15	
Gloucestershire Constabulary	17			21				38	27	2	27	10
Greater Manchester Police	14	6		11		1		32	30		31	1
Gwent Police	5		1	18	1	2		27	22		22	5
Hampshire Constabulary	11			2		1		14	12		12	1
Hertfordshire Constabulary	16	2	2	16		6		42	34		34	7
Humberside Police	11	1	7	45	3	2		69	57		58	7
Kent Police	2			6		4		12	11		11	1
Lancashire Constabulary	32	4	1	33	1	4		75	66	2	67	8
Leicestershire Constabulary	9	1	9	4		1		24	20		20	3
Lincolnshire Police	8	2	1	8	1	3		23	17		17	5
Merseyside Police	15	1	1	23	10	6		56	40	3	43	7
Metropolitan Police	155	35	8	79	10	38	3	328	251	36	321	44
Norfolk Constabulary	13	1		5				19	17		17	2
North Wales Police	24	4	2	61	5	4		100	84	4	101	8
North Yorkshire Police	6	2	1	20	2	4		35	24		24	9
Northamptonshire Police	5	1		6		3		15	13		13	1
Northumbria Police	20	1	1	127	9	47	1	206	141	22	153	38
Nottinghamshire Police	5			4				9	6		6	3
South Wales Police	15			8	2	1		26	23		23	3
South Yorkshire Police	2			1				3	3		3	
Staffordshire Police	8	4	5	54	7	4	1	83	59	8	64	16
Suffolk Constabulary	10	1		3		2		16	16		16	
Surrey Police	1	1	2	3				7	6		6	1
Sussex Police	10	1		24	1	4		40	24	4	27	10
Thames Valley Police	6	2		6	1			15	15		15	
Warwickshire Police												
West Mercia Constabulary	16	3	1	21	1	1		43	34	7	37	6
West Midlands Police	40	3	1	35				79	58	3	60	15
West Yorkshire Police	55	6	8	61	3	3	1	137	117	3	119	13
Wiltshire Constabulary	12			4	1			17	12		12	5
X Not Stated	1				1			2	2		2	
Totals	685	93	69	949	72	181	7	2056	1627	103	1772	289

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 6.6.3

**Table 2 - TASER use by authorised firearms officers outside of a firearms authority from
20 July 2007 to 29 February 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	6		5	9	2	5		27	25	2	45	1
Bedfordshire Police		1		2				3	3		3	
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	1			17		5		23	17	3	19	4
Cheshire Constabulary				3	1	2		6	5		5	1
City of London Police				1				1	1		1	
Cleveland Police				4				4	3		3	1
Cumbria Constabulary	1	1	1	12	1			16	14		13	2
Derbyshire Constabulary	3			10	1	2		16	10	2	10	7
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	3	2	1	3				9	8		8	1
Dorset Police	3	1						4	4		4	
Durham Constabulary	1							1	1		1	
Dyfed-Powys Police					1			1	1		1	
Essex Police	3							3	3		3	
Gloucestershire Constabulary	5			10				15	10		10	4
Greater Manchester Police	1			3				4	4		4	
Gwent Police				3		2		5	4		4	1
Hampshire Constabulary												
Hertfordshire Constabulary	3	1	2	5		2		13	10		10	3
Humberside Police	6		2	17		2		27	24		25	3
Kent Police				5		4		9	8		8	1
Lancashire Constabulary	14	3	1	12		4		34	30		30	3
Leicestershire Constabulary	6	1	4	2		1		14	13		13	1
Lincolnshire Police	1	2		4		3		10	7		7	3
Merseyside Police	3			5				8	6	2	7	1
Metropolitan Police Service	2	2		1		1		6	5		5	1
Norfolk Constabulary	6			1				7	6		6	1
North Wales Police	3	2		5		2		12	12		12	
North Yorkshire Police	4	2		10		4		20	15		15	4
Northamptonshire Police		1		1		2		4	4		4	
Northumbria Police				5	1	2		8	6		6	2
Nottinghamshire Police				4				4	3		3	1
South Wales Police	6			5	2	1		14	12		12	2
South Yorkshire Police	1			1				2	2		2	
Staffordshire Police	4	4	3	12		1		24	16	2	17	7
Suffolk Constabulary	1					1		2	2		2	
Surrey Police			1	1				2	1		1	1
Sussex Police	4			10	1	3		18	11		11	5
Thames Valley Police		2		1				3	3		3	
Warwickshire Police												
West Mercia Constabulary	11	3	1	13		1		29	23	4	25	4
West Midlands Police				1				1	1		1	
West Yorkshire Police	14	1	2	13		2		32	28		28	4
Wiltshire Constabulary	8			3	1			12	8		8	4
Totals	124	29	23	214	11	52	0	453	369	15	395	73

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Table 3 - TASER use by specially trained units in the first 6 months in the ten trial forces' areas from 1 September 2007 to 29 February 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		3		6		11	9		9	2	01/09/2007
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary				7	1			8	6		6	2	24/09/2007
Gwent Police	1			5				6	5		5	1	01/09/2007
Lincolnshire Police													01/09/2007
Merseyside Police					1			1	1		1		01/09/2007
Metropolitan Police Service	7	1	6	41	5	30		90	44	15	64	25	10/12/2007
North Wales Police	6	1		5				12	11		11	1	01/09/2007
Northamptonshire Police	1					1		2	2		2		13/11/2007
Northumbria Police	15	1	1	66	5	34		122	85	6	87	34	01/09/2007
West Yorkshire Police													not yet started
Totals	31	4	7	127	12	71	0	252	163	21	185	65	

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

STU = Specially Trained Units

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