

- 1) How many Tasers or conducted energy devices West Midlands Police has purchased, both quantity and money spent.
- 2) How many Tasers or conducted energy devices West Midlands Police has on stock.
- 3) How many officers are equipped with Tasers or conducted energy devices.

Can this information please be provided for each of a) the last ten years b) the last 24 months.

There are currently 1248 Taser X2 in the force, and a further circa 600 operational Taser X26. The term circa is used as a number are non-operational and are listed for destruction.

In 2019 there were 188 less Taser X2 and the same provisional number of X26.

There are currently either fully trained or pending training 1691 officers who will carry Taser X 2 or Taser X 26

In 2019-2020 there were 250 less than this, and in the 2018-2019 period there were 940 less than this number.

We do not keep an additional stock of Tasers – those we have we tend to use across the various sites.

The last 2 years spend on Taser is £416,944.22. To locate and retrieve the last ten years would be difficult and very time consuming, this is because we would have to go through tens of thousands of lines trying to identify spend on Tasers. The figure for spend is £416,944.22.

681 officers were trained between 2010 and 2017. The figure is the number of officers trained rather than the number of courses scheduled as every officer is required to attend an annual refresher which we haven't included as this would distort the figures. Between these dates only Response officers were authorised to carry Taser. The figure increases between 2018 & 2020 as other roles were allowed to carry Taser in addition to Response and records show that between 2018 & 2020 a total of 1699 officers were trained.