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Statistical News Release: Police use of TASER ® X26 conducted energy devices statistics, England and Wales, 1 January to 31 December 2016

The Home Office published today the latest official statistics on police use of TASER ® X26 conducted energy devices in England and Wales.

The release includes a breakdown of the 7 types of TASER ® X26 use: drawn, aimed, arced, red-dot, drive stun, angled drive stun and fired.

- In 2016 there were 11,294 uses of TASER ® X26 by police, representing a 9% (904) increase on the previous year. Of these, five ‘uses’ were due to accidental discharges and are reported as ‘not stated’ in the release.

Discharge

- Of the known 11,289 TASER ® X26 uses, 17% (1,910) were discharges; a decrease of 1% (-10) from the previous year.
- Of the 1,910 discharges, 92% (1,755) were fired; this represents an increase of 2% (26).
- Drive stun and angled drive stun accounted for 8% (155) of discharges; a decrease of 19% (-36) from the previous year.
- The proportion of discharges decreased by one percentage point to 17% when compared with the previous year.

Non-discharge

- Of the known 11,289 TASER ® X26 uses, 83% (9,379) were non-discharges; an increase of 11% (912) on the previous year.
- Red-dot was the most common use and accounted for 51% (5,744) of the total use in 2016, the same proportion as in the previous year.
- The proportion of non-discharges increased by one percentage point to 83% when compared with the previous year.

Notes to editors

1. ‘Police use of TASER ® X26 conducted energy devices statistics, England and Wales, 1 January to 31 December 2016’ is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/use-of-taser-statistics>.

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