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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request answers to the questions as set out below, in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I would be grateful if you could share the requested information or answer the following questions as appropriate:

Spit Hoods

1. Please share written guidance on the operational use of spit hoods as provided in the Scottish Police College Officer Safety Training Manual¹.
2. What is the criteria for the use of force in the application of use of a spit hood?
3. How many times in each year since April 2013 have spit hoods been used by Police Scotland? Please also provide a break down by (a) gender (b) ethnicity and (c) age.
4. How many complaints about the use of spit hoods have Police Scotland received in each of the last three years since April 2013?
5. How many (a) deaths and (b) injuries have been associated (either as a cause of the death or injury or as a contributing factor) with the use of spit hoods by Police Scotland?
6. What other data relating to the use of spit hoods is collected by (a) Police Scotland and (b) the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner?

Tasers

1. Please share written guidance on the operational use of tasers as provided in the Scottish Police College Officer Safety Training Manual.
2. What is the criteria is for the use of force in the application of use of tasers?

¹ As referred to by the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson MSP, in his response to Claire Baker MSPs written question (S5W-2503) in the Scottish Parliament.

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3. How many times in each year since April 2013 have tasers been used by Police Scotland? Please also provide a break down by (a) gender (b) ethnicity and (c) age.
4. How many complaints about the use of tasers have Police Scotland received in each of the last three years since April 2013?
5. How many (a) deaths and (b) injuries have been associated (either as a cause of the death or injury or as a contributing factor) with the use of tasers by Police Scotland
6. What other data is collected by (a) Police Scotland and (b) the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner?

If you require any clarification regarding these questions, please do get in touch.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Daly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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