Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4196
We received your request on the 07/05/2026.

Request

You asked us:

1. How many Special Constables does your force have;
2. How many Special Constables are Specialist Taser Officers authorised to carry a Taser; and
3. What are your eligibility requirements for a Special Constable to apply be to a Specialist Taser Officer

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Question 1
215 Special Officers

Question 2
21 in Taser (X2) and 5 in Taser T10

Question 3
Eligibility requirements:

- Professional Standards Department record attached to the application form
- Be 'in ticket' for mandatory training
- Achieve Job Related Fitness Test result of 5.4 or above
- Hold Independent or Directed Patrol Status
- Completed the workbook on the National Decision Model and Use of Force
- Have completed 12 months service since achieving Independent or Directed Patrol Status
- Have completed 200 duty hours since achieving Independent or Directed Patrol Status
- Application form endorsed by Special Supervisor, Co-Signed by Regular Supervisor
- Application form approved by Special Chief Officer and Divisional Superintendent