

Taser gun use by police at Bradgate MHU

Request

Please can you tell me

i) how many times (if any) a patient was tasered (i.e. a taser gun was fired, or used in 'drive stun mode' to stun the patient) by police while at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit - Glenfield Hospital, Groby Road, LE3 9EJ in the last three years. Please provide the dates of any incidents

ii) how many times (if any) cs spray was used by police. Please provide the dates of any incidents

iii) in the event you need me to refine my request, I would also be grateful if you could let me know how serious incidents of restraint, including those where police need to be called, are recorded at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit.

Our Response

We do not record incidents specifically with reference to taser gun or CS Gas being used by Police. However, we have checked the 'free text' of incidents recorded on our incident reporting system for these as keywords and are able to inform you that there is one record of a taser gun being used in the last 3 years, on 25 July 2012. There are no incidents recorded where CS Gas was used. However, the Leicestershire Constabulary may be able to provide further information and they can be contacted at: <http://www.leics.police.uk/about-us/our-departments/professional-standards/freedom>

With regard to how serious incidents are reported, this information is exempt under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act as it can be found in our Incident Reporting Policy available on our website at: http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/Library/IncidentReportingPolicy_Final_March2013.pdf.