

Deployment and Use of Taser as a Less Lethal Option Policy Statement



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1. Policy statement

The Force has adopted the X26 Advanced Taser as a less lethal option.

The use of the Taser will be in accordance with current ACPO guidelines, as approved by the Home Secretary and will be governed by the over-arching principles and guidance contained in the ACPO Manual of Guidance on the Management, Command and Deployment of Armed Officers (The MOG).

The Taser is not a replacement for a conventional firearm. It is a less lethal option which should be deployed and managed alongside conventional firearms and other tactical options.

Officers must give careful consideration to the use of the Taser against persons of either younger or older years and adults of smaller stature, but this policy does not seek to preclude its use if it is deemed necessary under the circumstances.

Officers and custody staff must be particularly vigilant for any potential Taser induced adverse effects.

Where a subject is suffering from a mental illness or disorder, officers must take appropriate steps to liaise with any health professional or local Authority bodies involved with the subject.