

Taser Incident IOPC - 2020/1164

Investigation into incident by Strawberry St
on the 01/08/2020.

PUBLIC VERSION

Independent Investigation Report

Report Date: 19/09/2020

Report Title: Taser Incident (2020/1164)

Investigators: R Snyder, K Jones

Version: Redacted

The following appendixes are relevant to this report:

- Appendix 1 - [REDACTED]'s body-worn

> Report

The purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to determine whether there was any misconduct on behalf of [REDACTED] in relation to the taser incident on the 01/08/2020.

The investigation

The investigation consisted of a thorough review of all information and evidence provided in the original complaint as well as an interview with the officer.

The findings of this investigation

This investigation finds that the conduct shown by the officer in Appendix 1 is not of the standard that is expected from a police constable.

Pointing a weapon, even if this is a less-than-lethal option such as a taser, shows an unacceptable disregard for the safety of fellow officers and is in addition in breach of the taser training officers have gone through to be granted such a responsibility.

Furthermore, this sort of conduct can severely affect the general public's trust in policing and the service as a whole, something which can ultimately undermine other efforts made by the service.

However in this case the officer has shown regret for his actions claiming a momentary lapse of judgement as the cause of, to say the least, untasteful joke or at most dangerous conduct.

The IOPC finds that the officer is responsible for misconduct in relation to the reported incident and should receive a warning from a superior where the importance of building public trust and officer safety is underlined.