



Response Date:06/05/2025

2025/472 - Use of force

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please could you answer the below for the months of January, February and March 2025.

Please send me a log of all of the types of use of force one of your officers used - over these time periods - which fit into the "other/improvised" category on your use of force database. Examples of "other" use of force may include restraining detainees against walls, grappling detainees, punching detainees in the face i.e. any use of force that doesn't fit into your typical use of force categories will likely be included in the "other/improvised" category.

Clarification

The request clumsily referred to "types of use of force one of your officers used". This is not very clear. I want to clarify that I want the requested use of force information concerning all officers during the timeframe not just a random one.

Month	Type	Subtype	Type details
January	Other/improvised		RESTRAINED AGAINST RAILING
January	Other/improvised		HELD ON TO THE HEAD OF FEMALE IN CUSTODY AS SHE WAS BANGING HEAD ON FLOOR
January	Other/improvised		PINNED AGAINST WALL TO EFFECT SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		I TOOK HOLD OF THE SUSPECTS ARMS ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS TO HELP HIM INTO THE HOSPITAL AND TO PREVENT HIM FROM FALLING WHILST HAVING RIGID HANDCUFFS APPLIED.
January	Other/improvised		NONE
January	Other/improvised		PUSH ON TO BED (RAISED HAND FOM SUSPECT)
January	Other/improvised		I HAVE HELD THE SUBJECT BY THE ARM AS HE WAS ESCORTED FROM THE ADDRESS TO PREVENT HIM ESCAPING OR FALLING DUE TO THE ICY CONDITIONS
January	Other/improvised		HELD THE SUBJECT BY THE ARM TO ESCORT HIM DOWN A HILL TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE BUT ALSO TO STOP HIM FALLING ON THE ICY CONDITIONS
January	Other/improvised		PHYSICALLY TAKEN HOLD OF SUBJECTS ARMS
January	Other/improvised		I TOOK HOLD OF THE SUSPECTS LEGS ON ONE

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			OCCASION WHILST HE WAS IN A SECURE ROOM IN ...PSYCHIATRIC UNIT.
January	Other/improvised		THE SUSPECT WAS HIDING UNDER THE BED AND WOULD NOT COME OUT SO THE SUPECT WAS DRAGGED OUT BY HIS LEGS BEFORE BEING HANDCUFFED BY ANOTHER OFFICER.
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		HELD RIGHT ARM AND ASSISTED PLACING HAND IN CUFF FOR EFFECTIVE REAR STACK.
January	Other/improvised		I TOOK HOLD OF BOTH ... ARMS ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.
January	Other/improvised		JUST COMPLIANT SEARCH, NO FORCE USED
January	Other/improvised		JUST COMPLIANT SEARCH, NO OTHER FORCE USED
January	Other/improvised		LEGS OF MALE GRABBED AND PUSHED INTO POLICE VEHICLE TO EFFECT DETAINMENT
January	Other/improvised		SEARCH OF CLOTHING
January	Other/improvised		SEARCH OF CLOTHING
January	Other/improvised		SEARCH OF PERSON
January	Other/improvised		HOLDING ARMS AND ESCORTING TO THE POLICE VEHICLE. HOLDING LEGS AND PUSHING THEM BACK INTO THE POLICE VEHICLE AS THE SUBJECT WAS KICKING THEM OUT OF THE VEHICLE.
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		HAND ON MALES SHOULDER TO KEEP HIM IN PLACE AND WARN HIM TO CALM DOWN
January	Other/improvised		NONE - FULLY COMPLIANT, NO REQUIREMENT FOR ANY RESTRAINT OR HANDCUFFS, JUST COMPLIANT S.32 SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		QUADRANT SEARCH, NO RESISTANCE
January	Other/improvised		QUADRANT SEARCH, COMPLIANT
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		JAMMED HIS LEG IN THE DOOR FRAME AND WOULD NOT LISTEN TO REQUESTS TO MOVE, SO HAD TO PULL MALE OUT OF THE CAR TO THE FLOOR
January	Other/improvised		PLACED HIS FOOT ON THE BACK OF THE VAN TO PREVENT US GETTING HIM IN, HAD TO PUSH HIM INTO THE VAN AND PHYSICALLY PLACE HIS LEGS IN
January	Other/improvised		VERBAL REQUESTS
January	Other/improvised		SUBJECT WAS HELD ONTO AND MOVED BY HIS ARMS, PREDOMINANTLY TO PREVENT HIM FROM FALLING OVER
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		HOLDING SUSPECTS ARMS WHILST IN RIGID HANDCUFFS TO EFFECT SEARCH AND TO PREVENT ESCAPE/INJURY
January	Other/improvised		HELD HIS ARM TO DIRECT HIM WHICH WAY TO WALK AND TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM THE OTHER SUSPECTS
January	Other/improvised		DP HAD CLOTHS CUT OFF TWICE AFTER TYING ROUND NECK

January	Other/improvised		3 X PUNCHES TO SUBJECT'S LEFT SHOULDER
January	Other/improvised		SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED
January	Other/improvised		KEEPING HOLD OF WRIST AND ARM AND ALSO HAD ARM NEAR THERE NECK AREA DO TO THERE ATTEMPTS TO ASSAULT ANOTHER OFFICER
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		GRAB ONTO ARM TO SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		TOOK HOLD OF BOTH ARMS ABOVE ELBOW AREA FROM REAR TO TAKE TO AND PLACE IN POLICE VEHICLE. USED FOREARM TO PUSH HEAD AWAY AS HE TURNED HEAD AROUND FROTHING AT THE MOUTH - FEARED BEING SPAT AT. STOPPED HIM HEADBUTTING ROOF OF VEHICLE BY PULLING HIM AWAY.
January	Other/improvised		QUADRANT SEARCH TECHNIQUE
January	Other/improvised		QUADRANT SEARCH
January	Other/improvised		GRABBING HIS ARM
January	Other/improvised		PULL SUBJECT BACKWARDS OFF RAIL OF BRIDGE
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		HAD TO BE PICKED UP AND PLACED IN THE VAN AS HE REFUSED TO ASSIST AND HAD A CAST ON HIS LEG
January	Other/improvised		PULL/PUSH OUT OF AND INTO THE REAR CELL OF THE VEHICLE
January	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD
January	Other/improvised		ASSISTED TO THE GROUND TO BE RESTRAINED
January	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD
January	Other/improvised		I HAD TO TAKE HOLD OF ... MULTIPLE TIMES TO HELP APPLY THE RIGID HANDCUFFS DUE TO THE THREATS THAT WERE BEING MADE AND TO PREVENT HIM FROM HARMING OFFICERS AND HIMSELF.
January	Other/improvised		HAVING TO PULL HER AWAY WHEN PARTNER WAS BEING ARRESTED
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED AGAINST THIS MALE - ADDED IN CLERICAL ERROR
January	Other/improvised		PUT MY ARM AROUND SUBJECT HEAD/NECK AREA
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		TOOK HOLD OF HER ARM WHEN SHE WAS ACTIVELY RESISTING.
January	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED, MISCLICK
January	Other/improvised		CARRIED SUSPECT

January	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLDS
January	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD
January	Other/improvised		
January	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED AGAINST MALE. ONLY SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD WHILST HANDCUFFED
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED OR CUFFS
February	Other/improvised		ARM HOLD
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		RESTRAINED IN THE BACK OF THE AMBULANCE ON THE BED AS HE WAS THREATENING TO KILL OFFICERS, AND TRYING TO KICK OFFICERS, LEANING FORWARD AS IF HE WAS GOING TO HEADBUT. I HELD HIS SHOULDERS INTO THE BED TO PREVENT HIM COMING FORWARD AND HEABUTTING ME.
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		NO PHYSICAL FORCE USED.
February	Other/improvised		ADDED TACTIC IN ERROR
February	Other/improvised		HEADLOCK
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH OF MALE
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		DRAGGED SUSPECT TO GAIN CONTROL
February	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		GROUND PIN TO LEGS
February	Other/improvised		DP THEN BECAME AGGRESSIVE, TAKEN TO THE FLOOR
February	Other/improvised		NO FORCE WAS USED, HANDCUFFS WERE NOT APPLIED TO SUBJECT ONLY CONTACT WAS PHYSICAL SEARCH

February	Other/improvised		GENERIC SEARCH OF MALE
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		ARM HOLD TO ASSIST IN ARREST AND HANDCUFFING BY OFFICERS
February	Other/improvised		TAKEN CONTROL OF LEGS IN ORDER TO PREVENT KICKING OUT.
February	Other/improvised		CARRIED TO THE VAN HOLDING LEGS FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF LIMB RESTRAINTS TO PREVENT CAUSING HARM TO HIMSELF OF FURTHER ASSAULTING OFFICERS.
February	Other/improvised		IMPROVISED GROUND PIN ON ARM TO PREVENT FROM ASSAULTING OFFICERS.
February	Other/improvised		WHILST TRANSPORTING DP TO CUSTODY HE HAS MANAGED TO GET HIS HANDCUFFS FROM THE REAR POSITION TO THE FRONT. I HAVE THEN REAPPLIED THE HANDCUFFS TO THE REAR. DP HAS OFFERED SOME RESISTANCE INITIALLY WHERE I HAVE HAD HOLD OF HIS ARM MOVED IT TOWARDS HIS BACK TO HANDCUFF HIM TO THE REAR AGAIN.
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		PLACED IN AN ARM HOLD, ARM WAS TWISTED TO RELEASE METAL OBJECTS INTENDED TO CAUSE HARM TO HERSELF
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		SEARCHED INDIVIDUAL
February	Other/improvised		SEARCHED INDIVIDUAL
February	Other/improvised	Open hand	OPEN PALMED PUSH TO UPPER BODY
February	Other/improvised		MALE LEAD FROM LOCATION
February	Other/improvised		INCORRECTLY ADDED
February	Other/improvised		REMOVED FROM VAN TO REAPPLY HANDCUFFS
February	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED
February	Other/improvised		GRAB
February	Other/improvised		FORCE USED TO GET MALE INTO CELL OF MARKED POLICE VEHICLE.
February	Other/improvised		REMOVAL FROM VEHICLE
February	Other/improvised		ESCORT TO CUSTODY
February	Other/improvised		REFUSED TO WALK TO CUSTODY, HAD TO BE CARRIED
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		ADDED IN ERROR
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		GRIPPED THE MALE DUE TO HIS BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A COLLEAGUE

February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		PUSH
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		OPENED IN ERROR* IGNORE*
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		BEAR HUGGED TO STOP HIM RUNNING AWAY
February	Other/improvised		STOP SEARCHED FOR DRUGS
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED - SEARCH CONDUCTED WITHOUT REQUIREMENT TO HANDCUFF
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		FOUR QUADRANT SEARCH
February	Other/improvised		CELL INSERTION AND SEARCH IN CUSTODY CELL
February	Other/improvised		OPEN PALM TO FACE AREA
February	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD TO POLICE CELL
February	Other/improvised		ESCORT HOLD TO POLICE VEHICLE
February	Other/improvised		SEARCH AND REMOVAL OF HANDCUFFS IN CUSTODY CELL
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		
February	Other/improvised		TAKEN TO THE GROUND DUE TO THROWING HER ARMS AND LEGS AROUND AND SLUMPING WHEN I HAVE TRIED TO PLACE THE CUFFS ON HER
March	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		GRAB
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		CONDUCTING STOP SEARCH OVER CLOTHING
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		APPLICTION OF WEIGHT TO GET MALE INTO VEHICLE

March	Other/improvised		PULLED FEMALE AWAY FROM MALE BEING ARRESTED BY RIGHT ARM
March	Other/improvised	Other, specify	ASSISTED WITH PUTTING DP IN THE BACK OF A SECURE VEHICLE- TRYING TO ENCOURAGE HIM VERBALLY
March	Other/improvised		RESTRAINED SEARCH IN CELL
March	Other/improvised		GRABBED HOLD OF MALE'S ARM TO PREVENT HIM JUMP OFF BRIDGE, HELPED HIM CLIMB BACK OVER BRIDGE BY PULLING HIM OVER THEN ESCORT HOLD TO MARKED POLICE VEHICLE.
March	Other/improvised	Other, specify	GRAB AND HOLD AND PULL FROM LEDGE
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		RESTRAINED SUBJECT BY TAKING HOLD OF ARMS TO PREVENT SELF HARM (BITING AND SCRATCHING HER ARMS AT CUSTODY DESK)
March	Other/improvised		HOLDING THE SUBJECTS ARMS, WRISTS, AND LEGS.
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		FEMALE HAS GRABBED ONTO POLICE RADIO AND WAS ARRESTED FOR D&D, REFUSED TO PLACE HER LEGS IN VEHICLE THEREFORE PAVA UTILISED. FORCE THEN USED TO MANOUVRE FEMALE INTO THE CELL OF THE CAR TO CLOSE THE DOOR
March	Other/improvised		FEMALE REFUSING TO GET INTO THE POLICE VEHICLE, FORCE USED TO PLACE FEMALE WITHIN THE VEHICLE. PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE AS SHE GOT IN HOWEVER WOULD NOT PLACE HER LEGS WITHIN THE VEHICLE FOR THE DOOR TO BE CLOSED.
March	Other/improvised		PLACED ARM UNDER HERS TO STOP HE FALLING DUE TO INTOXICATION.
March	Other/improvised		GRABBED ONTO MALE TO PREVENT ESCAPE
March	Other/improvised		I HAVE TAKEN HOLD OFF SUBJECT'S ARM TO ENABLE ARREST AND PREVENT HARM
March	Other/improvised		ARM CONTROL
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		CELL INSERTION
March	Other/improvised		STANDARD SEARCH TECHNIQUE
March	Other/improvised		TOOK HOLD OF...RIGHT UPPER ARM TO WALK HER TO HER CUSTODY CELL DUE TO HER REMOVING TO WALK.
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised	Open hand	PUSHED THE MALES LEGS IN TO THE CELL OF THE CAR AS HE WAS RESISITING
March	Other/improvised		HELD MALE'S ARM AND ESCORTED HIM OUT THE PROPERTY WHILST HE TRIED TO RESIST

March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		ESCORTED INTO CUSTODY
March	Other/improvised		ONLY FORCE USED WAS THAT OF THE SEARCH ITSELF.
March	Other/improvised		GROUND PIN
March	Other/improvised	Other, specify	I ASSISTED OTHER OFFICERS IN ESCORTING ...TO THE VAN. I HELD HIS HANDCUFFS WHEN ESCORTING AND ALSO HELD HIS HEAD AS HE BEGAN HITTING HIS HEAD ON THE DOOR AS WE EXITED THE HOUSE.
March	Other/improvised	Other, specify	WHEN IN THE HOSPITAL CAR PARK IN THE VAN...HAS AGAIN BEGAN HITTING HIS HEAD. I HAVE GRABBED HIS HEAD AGAIN TO STOP HIM INJURING HIMSELF.
March	Other/improvised		WHEN IN HOSPITAL...HAS BECOME IRATE AND STOPPED WALKING. I HAVE HELPED OTHER OFFICERS ESCORT HIM INTO THE HOSPITAL ROOM.
March	Other/improvised		I TOOK HOLD OF ... ARMS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO ASSIST MY COLLEAGUE EFFECT ARREST, PREVENT ESCAPE, PREVENT HARM AND TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES.
March	Other/improvised		I HAD TO TAKE HOLD OF ... ON HIS ARMS ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS IN ATTEMPT TO GUIDE HIM FROM THE ADDRESS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER OFFENCES FROM TAKING PLACE, AND TO PROTECT MY COLLEAGUES AND ME.
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		SEARCH
March	Other/improvised		SEARCH
March	Other/improvised		TAKE PHYSICAL HOLD OF SUBJECT
March	Other/improvised		RESTRAINED AND USED FORCE BY ACTIVELY GRABBING HOLD OF ... AS SHE WAS KICKING OUT WITH HER LEGS AND REFUSED TO GO BACK INOT HER CARE HOME. I PHYSICALLY GRABBED ... ARMS AND LEGS TO GET HER INOT THE CARE HOME.
March	Other/improvised		ARM HOLD
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		CARRY
March	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED AAPART FROM SEARCH.
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		ADDED IN ERROR
March	Other/improvised		TILTED DP FORWARD WHISLT HANDCUFFED TO CONVEY TO POLICE VEHICLE
March	Other/improvised		NONE
March	Other/improvised		CARRIED INSIDE CUSTODY
March	Other/improvised		ARM RESTRAINT

March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		SEARCH
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		I CUT .. BOBBLE FROM AROUND HER NECK WITH A PAIR OF SCISSORS AS SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO STRANGLE HERSELF IN HER CELL IN CUSTODY WITH THIS. DURING THIS I CUT SOME OF ... HAIR OFF WHICH IS JUSTIFIED GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
March	Other/improvised	Take down	SUSPECT HAS RIDDEN AT ME ON HIS BIKE, ATTEMPTED TO GRAB AND HE HAS FALLEN OFF THE BIKE
March	Other/improvised		CONTROL OF ARM.
March	Other/improvised		FEMALE SAT IN THE POLICE VEHICLE SIDE ON WITH HER LEGS OUT OF THE VEHICLE, FEMALE WAS REFUSING TO PLACE HERSELF CORRECTLY IN THE VEHICLE BY MOVING HER LEGS, VEHICLE WAS PUSHED BACKWARDS MOVING HER UPPER BODY FURTHER INTO THE VEHICLE. I THINK PUT MY FOOT AGAINST THE FEMALE'S LOWER LEGS AND PUSHED THEM INTO THE VEHICLE WITH MY BOOT.
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		RESTRAINT OUT OF VEHICLE
March	Other/improvised		PULLED OUT OF THE CAR BY HIS ARM
March	Other/improvised		
March	Other/improvised		TAKE HOLD OF SUSPECTS HEAD TO PREVENT HIM FROM HEADBUTTING THE CELL FURTHER
March	Other/improvised		GRABBED HOLD OF ... ARM TO PREVENT HER RUNNING AWAY AS SHE WAS A MISPERS AND A CHILD OF 14 YEARS OF AGE.
			... WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED IN A POLICE CAR.
March	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED
March	Other/improvised		NO FORCE USED
March	Other/improvised		NONE
March	Other/improvised		USED FORCE TO TAKE NECKLACE AND SHOES OFF IN CELL - 2 OFFICERS HOLDING HER ARMS SO I COULD SAFELY TAKE HER PROPERTY OFF.
March	Other/improvised		

Some identifying information has been removed and replaced with '...' by virtue of Section 40 (2) – Personal Information (absolute exemption)

The information you have requested constitutes personal data of which you are not the subject and disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under the Data protection Act 2018 would contravene the data protection principles.

Section 40 is a class based exemption, therefore it is not necessary to evidence harm caused by disclosure.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/04/2025