



# North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/04/2017 and 30/06/2017

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Police Forces across the country are required by the Home Office to issue details of the number of times officers have used force in the course of their duties.

The requirement is aimed at increasing transparency and providing greater reassurance to the public that force, when used is proportionate, lawful, accountable and necessary in the circumstances.

Total Instances of Force being used by NWP officers in the period:

**636**

## When? - Likely weekdays and times officers have used force for the period.

	00:00 to 00:59	01:00 to 01:59	02:00 to 02:59	03:00 to 03:59	04:00 to 04:59	05:00 to 05:59	06:00 to 06:59	07:00 to 07:59	08:00 to 08:59	09:00 to 09:59	10:00 to 10:59	11:00 to 11:59	12:00 to 12:59	13:00 to 13:59	14:00 to 14:59	15:00 to 15:59	16:00 to 16:59	17:00 to 17:59	18:00 to 18:59	19:00 to 19:59	20:00 to 20:59	21:00 to 21:59	22:00 to 22:59	23:00 to 23:59
Mon	12	9	8	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	3	0	2	3	2	0	9	5	6	0	7	6	5
Tue	7	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	5	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	4	10	6	5
Wed	7	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	5	3	0	1	5	0	4	16	3	8	2	4	6	9
Thu	6	5	1	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	6	1	3	4	1	1	6	0	6	0	6	1	13	1
Fri	2	8	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	5	1	4	3	2	0	3	6	14	11	6	3	8	7
Sat	24	20	7	6	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	5	2	0	2	1	1	6	8	14	2	11
Sun	18	11	11	11	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	2	8	6	4	3	2	5	11	9

## Where? - Typical locations where force has been used during the period.

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
DENBIGHSHIRE	143	22.48%
WREXHAM	126	19.81%
GWYNEDD	122	19.18%
CONWY	103	16.19%
FLINTSHIRE	79	12.42%
ANGLESEY	63	9.91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	54
Brynyffynnon	18
Gogarth	15
Grosvenor	20
Glyn	13
Seiont	12
Tudno	12
Mostyn	8
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	7
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Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	117
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	54
Dwelling	47
Unknown Location	373

**Impact Factors**

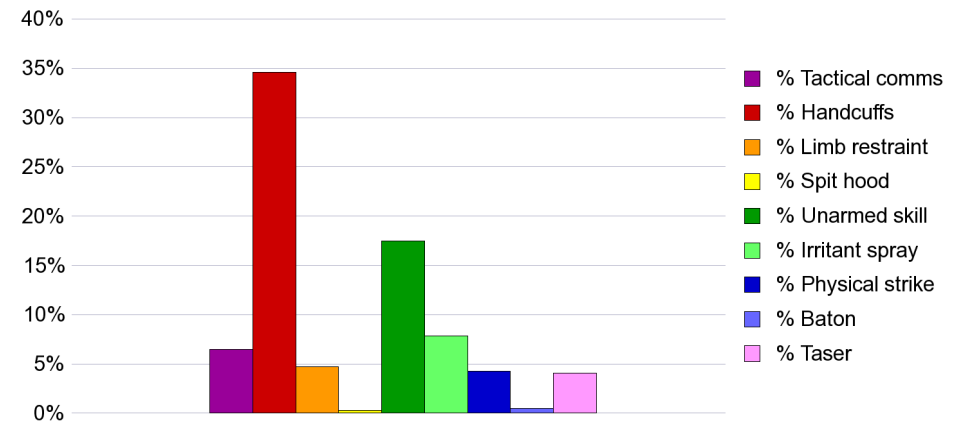
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	294	46.2%
Drugs	88	13.8%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	138	21.7%

**Tactic used**

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	41	6.4%
Restraint	547	86.0%
- Handcuffs	220	34.6%
- Limb restraint	30	4.7%
- Spit hood	2	0.3%
Unarmed skills	111	17.5%
Irritant spray	50	7.9%
Physical Strike	27	4.2%
Baton	3	0.5%
Taser	26	4.1%

A single occurrence can have multiple impact factors, behaviours, and tactics used by officers.

Common tactics used during use of force occurrences



**How was irritant spary used?**

How was spray used	Total
Deployed	42
Presentation only	2
Unspecified	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**How was Taser used?**

Taser method	Total
Aimed	4
Arcing	1
Drawn	9
Red dot	6
Unspecified	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

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## Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	152
Aggressive resistance	182
Compliant	201
Passive resistance	92
Serious/aggravated resistance	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	85
Subject injured	23
Subject required treatment	2

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Unspecified	Total
2. 11-17 years	10	26	0	36
3. 18-34 years	34	223	0	257
4. 35-49 years	19	81	0	100
5. 50-65 years	5	9	0	14
6. 65 and over	1	1	0	2
7. Unknown	0	2	225	227
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>636</b>

Age and gender profile of use of force subjects in the period

