



North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/04/2018 and 30/06/2018

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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:

450

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	7	1	10	5	3	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	1	5	2	2	2	3	3	1	6	4	6	3
Tue	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	3	1	7	2	3	2	6	4	6
Wed	5	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	5	5	4
Thu	11	1	4	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	8
Fri	7	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	4	4	0	2	5	1	7	3	7
Sat	7	10	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	3	3	5	4	8	13	7
Sun	9	17	13	2	1	0	0	1	6	1	2	1	7	1	1	7	2	5	1	2	6	1	3	7

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

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
GWYNEDD	98	21.78%
DENBIGHSHIRE	87	19.33%
CONWY	85	18.89%
WREXHAM	73	16.22%
FLINTSHIRE	55	12.22%
ANGLESEY	52	11.56%
Total	450	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	38
Pwllheli North	19
Gogarth	15
Grosvenor	11
Brynyffynnon	10
Deiniol	10
Flint Castle	10
Towyn	10
Tudno	10
Morawelon	9

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	117
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	65
Dwelling	80
Unknown Location	128

Impact Factors

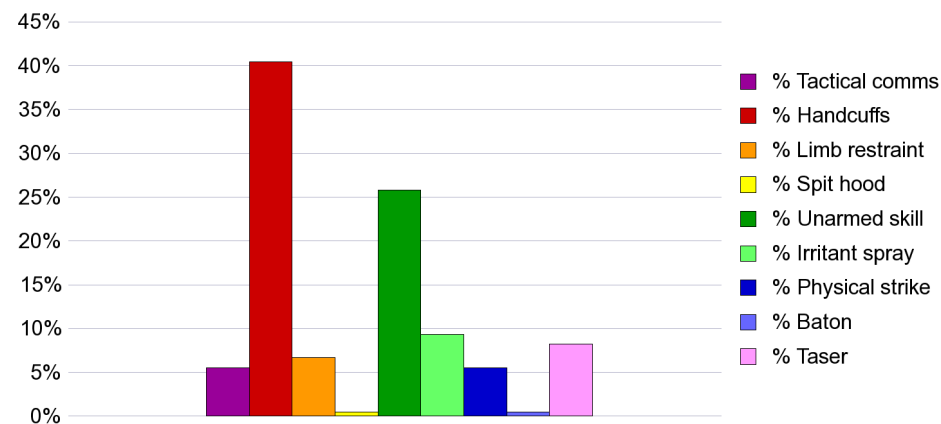
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	226	50.2%
Drugs	100	22.2%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	80	17.8%

Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	25	5.6%
Restraint	369	82.0%
- Handcuffs	182	40.4%
- Limb restraint	30	6.7%
- Spit hood	2	0.4%
Unarmed skills	116	25.8%
Irritant spray	42	9.3%
Physical Strike	25	5.6%
Baton	2	0.4%
Taser	37	8.2%

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	36
Presentation only	1
Unspecified	5
Total	42

How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	4
Angle drive stun	1
Drawn	8
Fired	3
Red dot	19
Unspecified	2
Total	37

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Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	104
Aggressive resistance	130
Compliant	129
Hist - Verbal resistance/gestures	27
Passive resistance	38
Serious/aggravated resistance	22
Total	450

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	78
Subject injured	24
Subject required treatment	1

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Total
2. 11-17 years	5	23	28
3. 18-34 years	47	232	279
4. 35-49 years	18	97	115
5. 50-65 years	10	15	25
6. 65 and over	0	3	3
Total	80	370	450

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

