



North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/07/2017 and 30/09/2017

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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:

567

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	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	5	1	3	0	4	2	1	1	0	5	5	1
Tue	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	5	2	2	3	3	1	5	5	2	6	5	4	8	7
Wed	7	2	2	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	6	0	5	0	6	3	4	3	3	4	1	1	5	4
Thu	6	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	2	6	0	4	3	3	8	8	3	8	1	1	4
Fri	7	3	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	8	7	1	7	1	4	12	9
Sat	13	7	6	7	1	5	1	0	1	2	0	2	5	9	7	2	1	9	6	2	6	5	14	12
Sun	12	15	19	7	18	0	2	0	8	0	0	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	5	1	8	4

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

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
WREXHAM	138	24.34%
DENBIGHSHIRE	98	17.28%
GWYNEDD	97	17.11%
CONWY	92	16.23%
FLINTSHIRE	86	15.17%
ANGLESEY	56	9.88%
Total	567	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	33
Grosvenor	25
Brynyffynnon	22
Deiniol	17
Morawelon	13
Prestatyn East	13
Tudno	11
Brymbo	10
Mostyn	10
Prestatyn North	10
Towyn	10

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	107
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	39
Dwelling	58
Unknown Location	315

Impact Factors

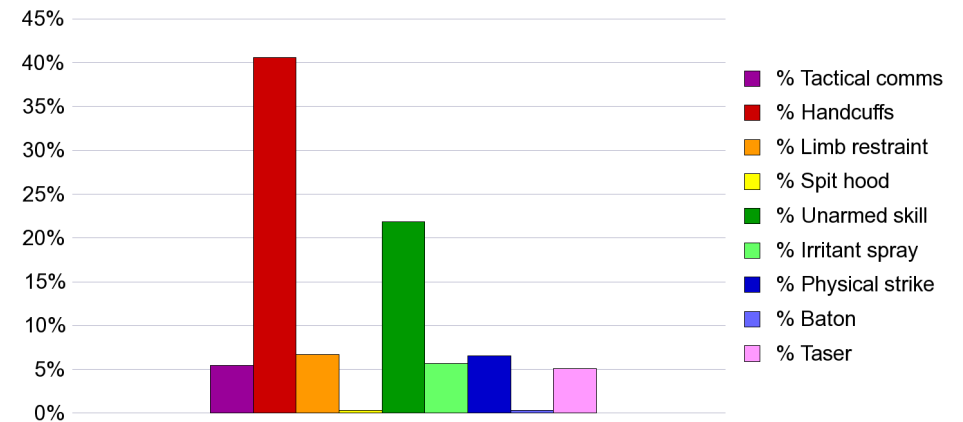
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	273	48.1%
Drugs	94	16.6%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	122	21.5%

Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	31	5.5%
Restraint	500	88.2%
- Handcuffs	230	40.6%
- Limb restraint	38	6.7%
- Spit hood	2	0.4%
Unarmed skills	124	21.9%
Irritant spray	32	5.6%
Physical Strike	37	6.5%
Baton	2	0.4%
Taser	29	5.1%

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	26
Presentation only	1
Unspecified	5
Total	32

How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	2
Drawn	8
Fired	3
Red dot	12
Unspecified	4
Total	29

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Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	138
Aggressive resistance	162
Compliant	184
Passive resistance	64
Serious/aggravated resistance	19
Total	567

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	70
Subject injured	28
Subject required treatment	2

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Unspecified	Total
2. 11-17 years	8	19	0	27
3. 18-34 years	33	186	0	219
4. 35-49 years	24	91	0	115
5. 50-65 years	3	25	0	28
6. 65 and over	0	2	0	2
7. Unknown	0	0	176	176
Total	68	323	176	567

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

