



North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/10/2017 and 31/12/2017

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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:

562

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	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	3	7	1	2	4	0	1	1	4	1
Tue	2	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	3	1	3	5	6	3	6	7	0	12	6
Wed	8	4	7	5	1	0	0	0	2	1	5	2	2	5	2	3	2	2	4	3	10	4	1	4
Thu	9	3	3	5	0	0	2	2	0	7	6	4	3	3	1	0	4	1	1	5	3	7	6	4
Fri	10	4	11	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	1	1	5	6	2	4	3	3	5	15
Sat	15	8	14	6	6	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	4	3	6	4	5	9	7	10
Sun	21	8	13	2	3	2	3	0	1	3	3	3	5	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	11	3

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

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
GWYNEDD	148	26.33%
DENBIGHSHIRE	98	17.44%
WREXHAM	94	16.73%
FLINTSHIRE	79	14.06%
CONWY	75	13.35%
ANGLESEY	68	12.10%
Total	562	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	35
Brynyffynnon	19
Tudno	14
Cadnant	13
Grosvenor	13
Pwllheli North	13
Seiont	12
Morawelon	11
Bodelwyddan	10
Deiniol	9
Llanystumdwy	9
Offa	9

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	105
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	49
Dwelling	66
Unknown Location	302

Impact Factors

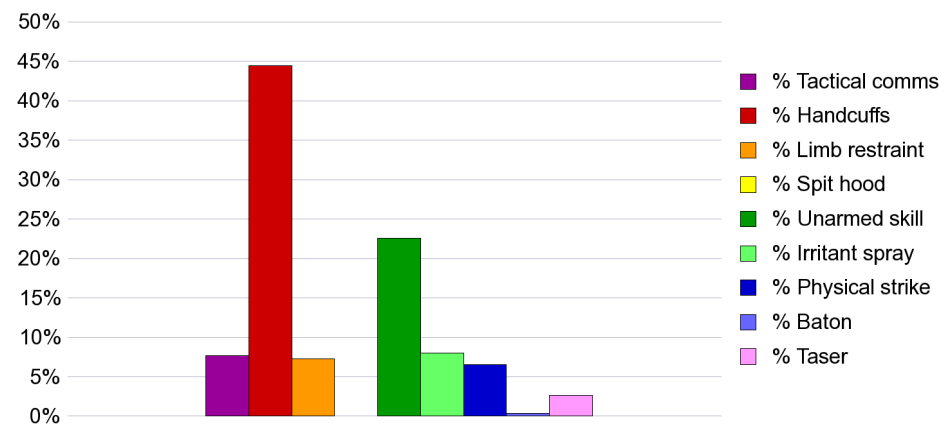
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	260	46.3%
Drugs	121	21.5%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	118	21.0%

Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	43	7.7%
Restraint	495	88.1%
- Handcuffs	250	44.5%
- Limb restraint	41	7.3%
- Spit hood		-
Unarmed skills	127	22.6%
Irritant spray	45	8.0%
Physical Strike	37	6.6%
Baton	2	0.4%
Taser	15	2.7%

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	38
Unspecified	7
Total	45

How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	1
Drawn	5
Fired	1
Red dot	4
Unspecified	4
Total	15

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Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	132
Aggressive resistance	166
Compliant	195
Passive resistance	64
Serious/aggravated resistance	5
Total	562

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	75
Subject injured	18
Subject required treatment	3

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Unspecified	Total
1. Under 11 years	0	1	0	1
2. 11-17 years	9	14	0	23
3. 18-34 years	35	208	0	243
4. 35-49 years	19	84	0	103
5. 50-65 years	6	20	0	26
6. 65 and over	0	2	0	2
7. Unknown	0	0	164	164
Total	69	329	164	562

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

