



North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/09/2018 and 31/12/2018

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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:

555

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	4	3	5	0	2	2	1	1	3	5	1	2	2	3	2	3	0	3	0	8	4	0	10
Tue	3	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	5	4	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	3	2	3	1	6	0	8
Wed	11	2	0	6	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	4	5	3	2	3	9	0	4	3	3	8
Thu	12	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	4	5	1	6	0	2	2	3
Fri	10	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	6	11	3	2	9	17
Sat	19	15	6	7	4	5	1	3	0	0	2	4	1	3	1	4	4	4	8	3	6	7	8	22
Sun	10	16	6	3	9	5	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	4	4	5	2	3	4	3	6	5	4

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

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
GWYNEDD	135	24.32%
DENBIGHSHIRE	118	21.26%
WREXHAM	98	17.66%
CONWY	88	15.86%
FLINTSHIRE	65	11.71%
ANGLESEY	51	9.19%
Total	555	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	27
Brynyffynnon	20
Prestatyn North	19
Cadnant	15
Glyn	14
Tudno	13
Deiniol	12
Rhyl South West	12
Eirias	11
Porthmadog West	11

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	151
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	74
Dwelling	105
Unknown Location	129

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Impact Factors

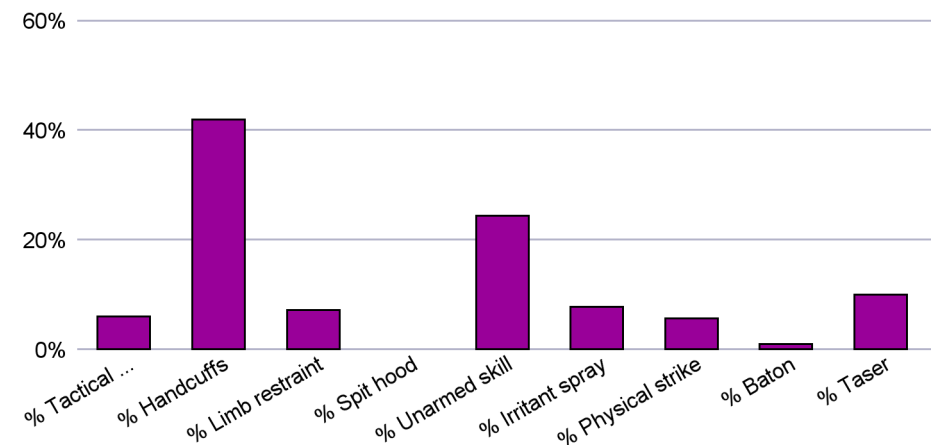
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	265	47.7%
Drugs	103	18.6%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	102	18.4%

Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	33	5.9%
Restraint	469	84.5%
- Handcuffs	233	42.0%
- Limb restraint	40	7.2%
- Spit hood		-
Unarmed skills	135	24.3%
Irritant spray	43	7.7%
Physical Strike	31	5.6%
Baton	5	0.9%
Taser	55	9.9%

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	39
Presentation only	1
Unspecified	3
Total	43

How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	13
Drawn	7
Fired	7
Red dot	27
Unspecified	1
Total	55

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Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	147
Aggressive resistance	146
Compliant	158
Hist - Verbal resistance/gestures	34
Passive resistance	53
Serious/aggravated resistance	16
	1
Total	555

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	132
Subject injured	38
Subject required treatment	11

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Total
2. 11-17 years	7	40	47
3. 18-34 years	64	266	330
4. 35-49 years	23	130	153
5. 50-65 years	1	22	23
6. 65 and over	1	1	2
Total	96	459	555

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

