



North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/01/2019 and 31/03/2019

Document Last Updated: 05/06/2019 13:20

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:

389

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

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

Local Authority	Use of force	% of total
GWYNEDD	94	24.16%
DENBIGHSHIRE	83	21.34%
CONWY	65	16.71%
WREXHAM	60	15.42%
ANGLESEY	45	11.57%
FLINTSHIRE	42	10.80%
Total	389	

Top 10 Wards	Use of force
Rhyl West	33
Pwllheli North	15
Kinmel Bay	10
Brynyffynnon	9
Abergele Pensarn	8
Rhyl South East	8
Deiniol	7
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	7
Glyn	7
Gogarth	7
Prestatyn Central	7
Rhiw	7

Typical specified locations	Use of Force
Street/Highway	97
In a NWP custody suite, station or vehicle	78
Dwelling	80
Unknown Location	115

North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/01/2019 and 31/03/2019

Document Last Updated: 05/06/2019 13:20

Impact Factors

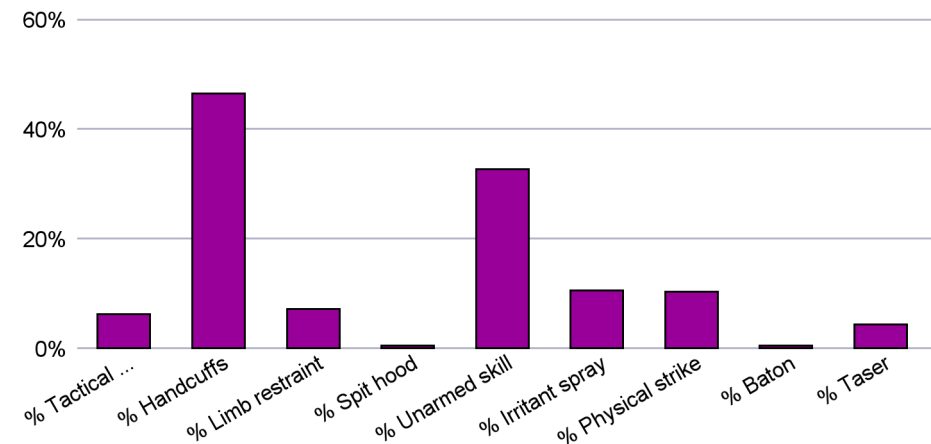
Impact factor	Total	% of all use of force
Alcohol related	170	43.7%
Drugs	78	20.1%
Violent behaviour or abusive language	92	23.7%

Tactic used

Tactic used by officer	Total	% of all use of force
Tactical communications (verbal commands)	24	6.2%
Restraint	337	86.6%
- Handcuffs	181	46.5%
- Limb restraint	28	7.2%
- Spit hood	2	0.5%
Unarmed skills	127	32.6%
Irritant spray	41	10.5%
Physical Strike	40	10.3%
Baton	2	0.5%
Taser	17	4.4%

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	34
Presentation only	1
Unspecified	6
Total	41

How was Taser used?

Taser method	Total
Aimed	3
Drawn	3
Fired	4
Red dot	6
Unspecified	1
Total	17

North Wales Police (NWP) Use of Force between 01/01/2019 and 31/03/2019

Document Last Updated: 05/06/2019 13:20

Subject Type

Subject behaviour	Use of force
Active resistance	110
Aggressive resistance	117
Compliant	98
Hist - Verbal resistance/gestures	27
Passive resistance	27
Serious/aggravated resistance	10
Total	389

Subject condition	Total
Subject medical or mental condition	81
Subject injured	20
Subject required treatment	5

Subject age at time of occurrence	Female	Male	Total
2. 11-17 years	4	16	20
3. 18-34 years	44	190	234
4. 35-49 years	18	84	102
5. 50-65 years	8	23	31
6. 65 and over	0	2	2
Total	74	315	389

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

