



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2019/20 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st April 2019 and 30th of June 2019.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/04/2019 to 30/06/2019.

During the above period, there were **1193** use of force forms completed in Cumbria.

Tactics Used

Please see the data table below which highlights the different tactics used: (please note there may be more than one tactic used against an individual)

Tactics used	Count	%
Tactical Communications (use of communication skills with the purpose of achieving control)	725	29.3%
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints and takedowns)	497	20.1%
Handcuffing (non-compliant)	418	16.9%
Handcuffing (compliant)	328	13.3%
Ground restraint	190	7.7%
Other/improvised	65	2.6%
Irritant spray – PAVA used	71	2.9%
C.E.D	65	2.6%
Limb/Body restraints	37	1.5%
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	44	1.8%
Dog deployed	4	0.2%
Baton used	1	0.0%
AEP drawn	8	0.3%
Shield	4	0.2%
Baton drawn	2	0.1%
Firearms	0	0.0%
AEP used	1	0.0%
Dog biting	1	0.0%
Spit guard	11	0.4%
Total Tactics	2472	100.0%

The figures above show that the most used tactic was tactical communications. (Tactical communications are defined as the use of communication skills with the purpose of achieving control) This represents 29.3% of all tactics used for this period. Also note tactical communications will only be recorded if another tactic is subsequently used.

Subject data

Of the 1193 use of force forms completed, 963 (80.7%) of these involved a male subject, compared to 210 (17.6%) female subjects. There were 4 transgender subjects (0.3%) and 16 (1.3%) records were left blank.

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown of the subjects:

Subject Ethnicity	Count	%
White	1153	96.6%
Unknown	7	0.6%
Black (or Black British)	19	1.6%
Asian (or Asian British)	7	0.6%
Mixed	4	0.3%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Other	3	0.3%
Total BaME	33	2.8%
Total	1193	100.0%

There were 22 (1.8%) uses of force against subjects who were deemed to have a physical impairment.

There were 454 (38.1%) uses of force against subjects who were deemed to have a mental impairment.

Please see below a table, which highlights the breakdown of uses of force against subjects by different age groups:

Subject age group	Count	%
0-10	1	0.1%
11-17	110	9.2%
18-34	656	55.0%
35-49	300	25.1%
50-64	78	6.5%
65 and over	12	1.0%
Not specified	36	3.0%
Total	1193	100.0%

There were a total of 124 (10.4%) uses of force which resulted in an injury to the subjects. All of these injuries were minor.

Officers injured

There were a total of 69 (5.8%) injuries against officers. All injuries were minor.

Officer injury level	Count	%
No injury	1124	94.2%
Minor	69	5.8%
Total	1193	100.0%