



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2020/21 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st April 2020 and 30th of June 2020.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/04/2020 to 30/06/2020.

During the above period, there were **1421** 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)

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 27.0% of all tactics used for this period. Also note tactical communications will only be recorded if another tactic is subsequently used.

Tactics used	Count	%
Tactical Communications (use of communication skills with the purpose of achieving control)	775	27.0%
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints and takedowns)	552	19.2%
Handcuffing (non-compliant)	459	16.0%
Handcuffing (compliant)	409	14.2%
Ground restraint	261	9.1%
C.E.D	109	3.8%
Irritant spray – PAVA used	83	2.9%
Other/improvised	82	2.9%
Limb/Body restraints	49	1.7%
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	40	1.4%
Spit guard	36	1.3%
AEP drawn	5	0.2%
Baton drawn	4	0.1%
Baton used	3	0.1%
Dog deployed	3	0.1%
Firearms	3	0.1%
AEP used	1	0.0%
Shield	1	0.0%
Total Tactics	2875	100.0%

Subject data

Of the 1421 use of force forms completed, 1003 (70.6%) of these involved a male subject, compared to 390 (27.4%) female subjects. There were 2 transgender subjects (0.1%) and 26 (1.8%) records where the gender was not specified.

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown of the subjects:

Subject Ethnicity	Count	%
White	1373	96.6%
Unknown	12	0.8%
Asian (or Asian British)	12	0.8%
Black (or Black British)	11	0.8%
Mixed	7	0.5%
Chinese	2	0.1%
Other	4	0.3%
Total BaME	36	2.5%
Total	1421	100.0%

There were 24 (1.7%) uses of force against subjects who were deemed to have a physical impairment.

There were 603 (42.4%) 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	2	0.1%
11-17	135	9.5%
18-34	721	50.7%
35-49	394	27.7%
50-64	115	8.1%
65 and over	8	0.6%
Not specified	46	3.2%
Total	1421	100.0%

There were a total of 113 (8.0%) uses of force which resulted in an injury to the subjects. All of these were minor.

Officers injured

There were a total of 58 (4.1%) injuries against officers. 57 injuries were minor and 1 was severe.

Officer injury level	Count	%
No injury	1363	95.9%
Minor	57	4.0%
Severe	1	0.1%
Total	1421	100.0%