



USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2019/20 data

This report summarises use of force between 1st July 2019 and 30th of September 2019.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/07/2019 to 30/09/2019.

During the above period, there were **1138** 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 29.0% 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)	727	29.0%
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints and takedowns)	478	19.1%
Handcuffing (non-compliant)	420	16.8%
Handcuffing (compliant)	295	11.8%
Ground restraint	218	8.7%
Irritant spray – PAVA used	93	3.7%
C.E.D	79	3.2%
Other/improvised	59	2.4%
Limb/Body restraints	50	2.0%
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	46	1.8%
Spit guard	21	0.8%
Dog deployed	6	0.2%
Baton used	4	0.2%
AEP drawn	4	0.2%
Baton drawn	2	0.1%
Firearms	2	0.1%
Shield	0	0.0%
AEP used	0	0.0%
Dog biting	0	0.0%
Total Tactics	2504	100.0%

Subject data

Of the 1138 use of force forms completed, 868 (76.3%) of these involved a male subject, compared to 247 (21.7%) female subjects. There were 2 transgender subjects (0.2%) and 21 (1.8%) records were left blank.

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown of the subjects:

Subject Ethnicity	Count	%
White	1117	98.2%
Unknown	9	0.8%
Asian (or Asian British)	6	0.5%
Black (or Black British)	2	0.2%
Mixed	2	0.2%
Chinese	1	0.1%
Other	1	0.1%
Total BaME	12	1.1%
Total	1138	100.0%

There were 16 (1.4%) uses of force against subjects who were deemed to have a physical impairment.

There were 415 (36.5%) 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	0	0.0%
11-17	84	7.4%
18-34	640	56.2%
35-49	310	27.2%
50-64	50	4.4%
65 and over	17	1.5%
Not specified	37	3.3%
Total	1138	100.0%

There were a total of 102 (9%) uses of force which resulted in an injury to the subjects. 101 of these were minor (8.9%), and 1 was severe (0.1%).

Officers injured

There were a total of 63 (5.5%) injuries against officers. All injuries were minor.

Officer injury level	Count	%
No injury	1075	94.5%
Minor	63	5.5%
Total	1138	100.0%