



# USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2019/20 data

This report summarises use of force between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020.

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All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/01/2020 to 31/03/2020.

During the above period, there were **1067** 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 28.1% 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)	616	28.1%
Unarmed skills (including pressure points, strikes, restraints and takedowns)	442	20.2%
Handcuffing (non-compliant)	328	15.0%
Handcuffing (compliant)	289	13.2%
Ground restraint	209	9.5%
Irritant spray – PAVA used	72	3.3%
C.E.D	71	3.2%
Other/improvised	45	2.1%
Limb/Body restraints	42	1.9%
Irritant spray – PAVA drawn	41	1.9%
Spit guard	16	0.7%
Dog deployed	6	0.3%
AEP drawn	5	0.2%
Baton drawn	5	0.2%
Firearms	5	0.2%
<b>Total Tactics</b>	<b>2192</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Subject data

Of the 1067 use of force forms completed, 775 (72.6%) of these involved a male subject, compared to 254 (22.2%) female subjects. There was 1 transgender subject (0.1%) and 37 (3.5%) records where the gender was not specified.

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown of the subjects:

Subject Ethnicity	Count	%
White	1033	96.8%
Unknown	14	1.3%
Asian (or Asian British)	3	0.3%
Black (or Black British)	8	0.7%
Mixed	5	0.5%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Other	4	0.4%
<b>Total BaME</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

There were 10 (0.9%) uses of force against subjects who were deemed to have a physical impairment.

There were 418 (39.2%) 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	90	8.4%
18-34	588	55.1%
35-49	260	24.4%
50-64	61	5.7%
65 and over	16	1.5%
Not specified	51	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

There were a total of 77 (7.2%) uses of force which resulted in an injury to the subjects. 75 of these were minor (7.0%), and 2 were severe (0.2%).

### Officers injured

There were a total of 40 (3.7%) injuries against officers. All injuries were minor.

Officer injury level	Count	%
No injury	1027	96.3%
Minor	40	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>