

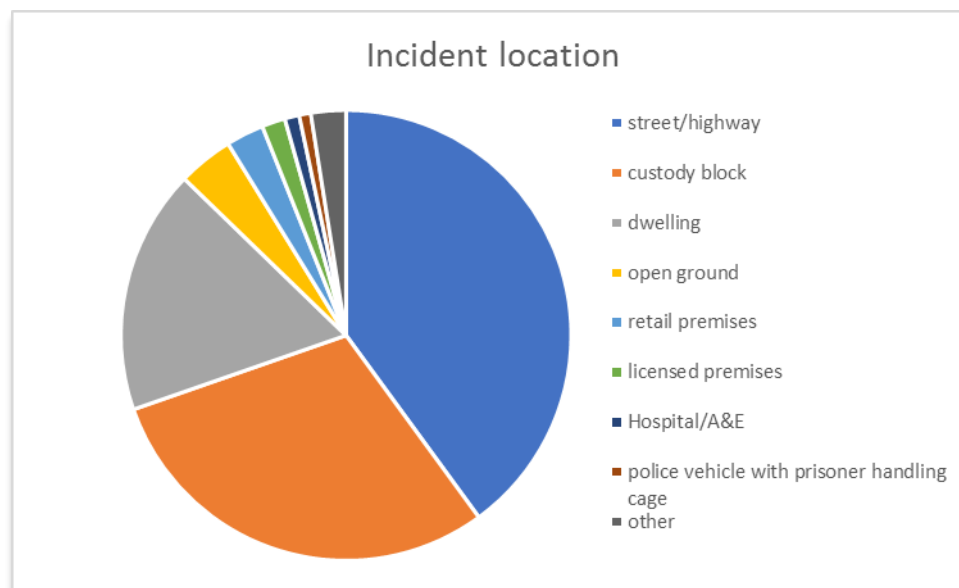
Use of Force April - June 2017

In Q1 of 2017/18 there were 478 records of incidents where force is used. Each officer that has used force in an incident should record the force used, and as a result one incident could result in several records for one subject.

Incident location

Officers record the location of the incident, the most frequent location is in a street/highway (40% of records), followed by the custody block (30% of records).

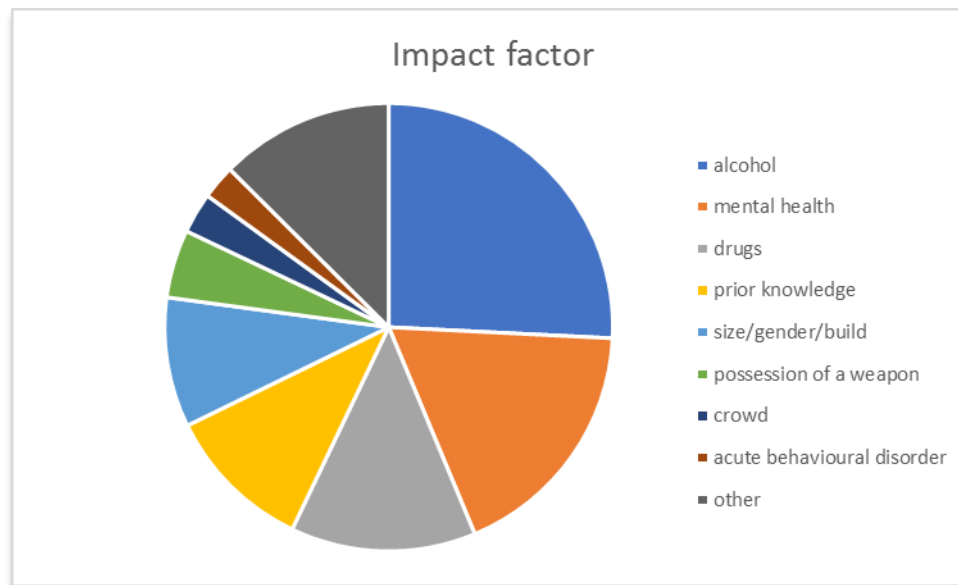
| Incident Location | Number of records |
|---|-------------------|
| street/highway | 191 |
| custody block | 142 |
| dwelling | 84 |
| open ground (e.g. park, car park, field etc.) | 19 |
| retail premises | 13 |
| licensed premises | 8 |
| Hospital/A&E (non mental health setting) | 5 |
| police vehicle with prisoner handling cage | 4 |
| mental health setting | 1 |
| police vehicle without prisoner handling cage | 1 |
| police station (excluding custody block) | 1 |
| ambulance | 1 |
| public transport | 0 |
| sports or event stadia | 0 |
| Other | 8 |



Impact factor

The factors that are likely to have an impact on the need for an officer to use force are recorded. Any number of impact factors could be recorded against each incident. The most frequently recorded impact factor is alcohol, this is a factor in 45% of records, this is followed by mental health – a factor in 31% of records.

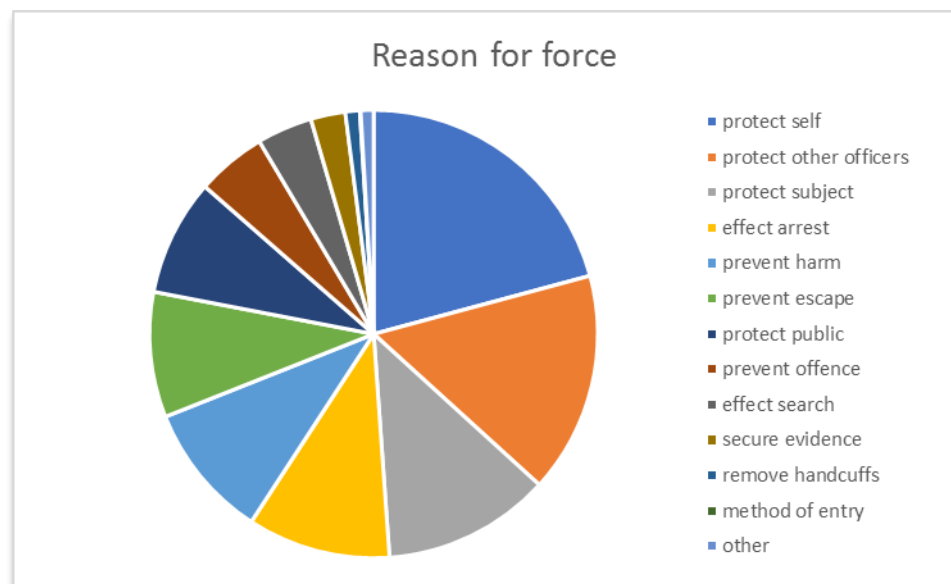
| Impact factor | Number of records |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| alcohol | 220 |
| mental health | 153 |
| drugs | 114 |
| prior knowledge | 91 |
| size/gender/build | 80 |
| possession of a weapon | 42 |
| crowd | 25 |
| acute behavioural disorder | 21 |
| other | 107 |



Reason for force

The reason that force is used is recorded for each incident, there may be multiple reasons for the use of force in each incident. The most frequently stated reason recorded by officers/staff for using force is to protect themselves (73% of records) followed by protecting other officers (58% of records) and protecting the subject (43% of records).

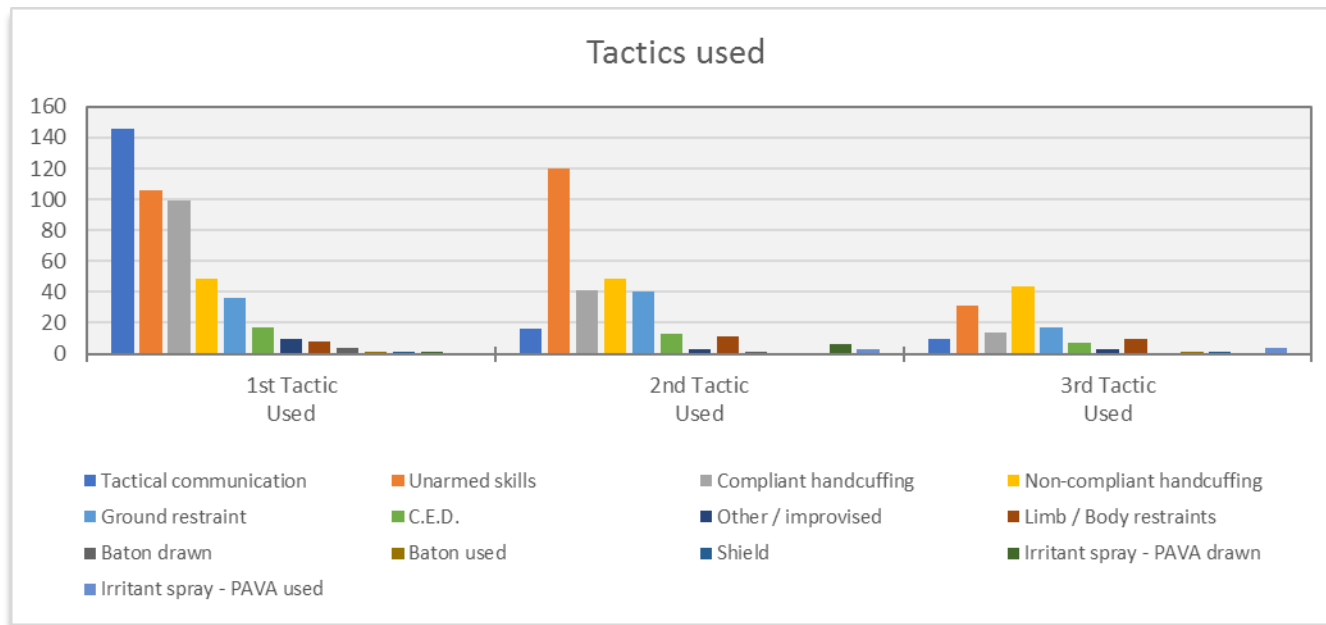
| Reason for force | Number of records |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| protect self | 359 |
| protect other officers | 275 |
| protect subject | 209 |
| effect arrest | 178 |
| prevent harm | 169 |
| prevent escape | 156 |
| protect public | 145 |
| prevent offence | 87 |
| effect search | 69 |
| secure evidence | 43 |
| remove handcuffs | 18 |
| method of entry | 1 |
| other | 16 |



Tactic used

Officers record the different tactics they use in each record, there are occasions where the initial tactics are not successful so further tactics are required.

| Tactic used | 1st Tactic Used | 2nd Tactic Used | 3rd Tactic Used |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tactical communication | 146 | 16 | 10 |
| Unarmed skills | 106 | 120 | 31 |
| Compliant handcuffing | 99 | 41 | 14 |
| Non-compliant handcuffing | 49 | 49 | 44 |
| Ground restraint | 36 | 40 | 17 |
| Conductive Energy device (taser). | 17 | 13 | 7 |
| Other / improvised | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| Limb / Body restraints | 8 | 11 | 10 |
| Baton drawn | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Baton used | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Shield | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Incapacitant spray - PAVA drawn | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Incapacitant spray - PAVA used | 0 | 3 | 4 |



Subject details

Officers/staff record the details of the subject, based on their perceptions of the individuals age, gender, ethnicity and disability

| Perceived Age | Number of records |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 11 - 17 years | 72 |
| 18 - 34 years | 230 |
| 35 - 49 years | 140 |
| 50 - 64 years | 27 |
| 65 and over | 9 |

| Perceived Ethnicity | Number of records |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| White | 433 |
| Black (or Black British) | 22 |
| Asian (or Asian British) | 16 |
| Mixed | 5 |
| Don't Know | 2 |

| Perceived Gender | Number of records |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Male | 398 |
| Female | 76 |
| Transgender | 4 |

| Perceived Disability | Number of records |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Physical disability | 7 |
| Mental disability | 49 |

Injuries

Injuries to officers/staff and the subject are recorded. 9% of staff recorded an injury received as a result of using force (44 records) with 27 of these injuries received as a result of an intentional assault by the subject. All injuries recorded against officers/staff in this reporting period were minor, with medical attention required in 4 cases.

The proportion of subjects injured as a result of the force used against them is 17%. A further 4% of subjects had an injury, however it is not known if this was an existing injury or an injury resulting from the force used. In total there were 102 recorded injuries, of which 96 were minor injuries and 6 severe. Where an injury was sustained, medical assistance was offered in 41 cases, and medical assistance was accepted in 33 of these. In all the cases where the injury level was severe medical assistance was offered and accepted.

| Subject Injury | Number of records |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Injured as a result of force | 82 |
| Injury level - minor | 76 |
| Injury level - severe | 6 |
| Injured - cause unknown | 20 |
| Injury level - minor | 20 |
| Injury level - severe | 0 |
| Medical assistance offered | 41 |
| Medical assistance provided | 33 |

| Staff Injury | Number of records |
|--|-------------------|
| No. injured | 44 |
| Injury level - minor | 44 |
| Injury level - severe | 0 |
| Intentional assault on officer/staff | 27 |
| Medical assistance provided to officer/staff | 4 |

Outcome of use of force

The most frequent outcome resulting from a use of force is an arrest (58% of records)

| Outcome of force | Number of records |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| arrested | 278 |
| other | 172 |
| detained (Mental Health Act) | 15 |
| hospitalised | 12 |
| made off / escaped | 1 |
| fatality | 0 |

