

Use of Force - Summary

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April – September 2017

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Use of force (UoF): 1 April – 30 September 2017



43,040 incidents attended



2,999 UoF reports submitted*

The most common subject profile is male (white) between the age of 18-34 yrs old



The most prominent reason other than arrest recorded for UoF was to prevent harm

Male: 2,380

Female: 597

Not recorded: 22



61 per cent of uses of restraint accoutrements (devices) relates to handcuffs only



An irritant spray was drawn 162 times and used only on 56 occasions



*UoF figures relate to occasions reported by individual officers. Some of the reports will relate to the same incident.

Taser: 1 April – 30 September 2017



Use of a Taser was recorded 53 times



83 per cent of Taser uses did not result in the weapon being discharged.



Alcohol is the most common contributory factor.



The most common reason for a Taser being used was the presence or suspected presence of a weapon.

The most common subject profile is male and white aged 18 to 25



Threats to officers and reasons for use of force (UoF)



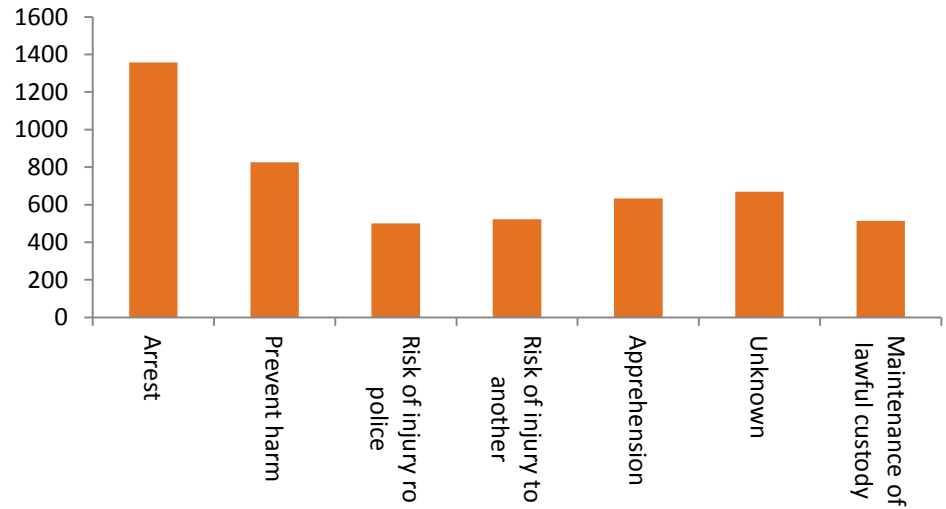
112 officers assaulted
(30 per cent of injuries were to the face /head)



21 officers were spat at



Alcohol was recorded as the major contributory factor in 66 cases



Ethnicity of subject

