



Use of Force – Financial Year 2017/18

Resourced Incidents	159,603
Arrests	17,136
Use of Force Forms	5,314

Tactics Used		
Tactical communication	4,008	75.4%
Compliant or non-compliant handcuffing	3,506	66.0%
Unarmed skills	2,327	43.8%
Ground restraint	1,612	30.3%
Dog deployed	88	1.7%
Dog bite	18	0.3%
Baton drawn	151	2.8%
Baton used	75	1.4%
Irritant spray - CS drawn	43	0.8%
Irritant spray - CS used	9	0.2%
Irritant spray - PAVA drawn	346	6.5%
Irritant spray - PAVA used	335	6.3%
Limb / Body restraints	515	9.7%
Spit guard	180	3.4%
Shield	10	0.2%
C.E.D.	188	3.5%
Firearms	30	0.6%
AEP aimed	23	0.4%
AEP fired	2	0.0%
Other / improvised	228	4.3%

Reason For Force		
Protect Self	4363	82.1%
Protect Public	2091	39.3%
Protect Other Officer	3554	66.9%
Protect Subject	2357	44.4%
Prevent Offence	2469	46.5%
Secure Evidence	826	15.5%
Effect Search	936	17.6%
Effect Arrest	2825	53.2%
Method of Entry	41	0.8%
Remove Handcuffs	197	3.7%
Prevent Harm	2014	37.9%
Prevent Escape	2671	50.3%
Other	131	2.5%

Impact Factor		
Possession of a Weapon	728	13.7%
Alcohol	3076	57.9%
Drugs	2078	39.1%
Mental Health	1932	36.4%
Prior Knowledge	1059	19.9%
Size/Gender/Build	2371	44.6%
Acute Behaviour Disorder	355	6.7%
Crowd	611	11.5%
Other	660	12.4%

Location - by Local Policing Team - Where the Force was Used		
Cannock Chase	390	7.3%
East Staffordshire	508	9.6%
Lichfield	236	4.4%
Newcastle	640	12.0%
South Staffordshire	302	5.7%
Stafford Borough	474	8.9%
Staffordshire Moorlands	268	5.0%
Stoke Central	1130	21.3%
Stoke North	534	10.0%
Stoke South	513	9.7%
Tamworth	280	5.3%
Out of Force	39	0.7%

Police Officer Injuries		
Yes	537	10.1%
No		0.0%

Injury Level - Police		
Minor	533	10.0%
Servre	4	0.1%

Injury Type - Police		
Bitten	23	0.4%
Broken Bone	2	0.0%
Bruising	133	2.5%
Cut	107	2.0%
Scatched	99	1.9%
Sprain / Strain	116	2.2%
Stab Wound	0	0.0%
None	56	1.1%
Total	536	

Subject Details

Gender - Subject		
Male	4397	82.7%
Female	912	17.2%
Transgender	5	0.1%

Age - Subject		
0 - 10 years	3	0.1%
11 - 17 years	385	7.2%
18 - 34 years	2756	51.9%
35 - 49 years	1011	19.0%
50 - 64 years	259	4.9%
65 and over	15	0.3%
Not Specified	885	16.7%

Ethnicity - Subject		
Asian (or Asian British)	201	3.8%
Black (or Black British)	215	4.0%
Chinese	3	0.1%
Don't Know	30	0.6%
Mixed	137	2.6%
Other	23	0.4%
White	4705	88.5%

Outcome		
Made Off / Escaped	79	1.5%
Arrested	3926	73.9%
Hospitalised	305	5.7%
Detained - Mental Health Act	257	4.8%
Fatality	0	0.0%
Other	948	17.8%