



# Use of Force Q1 2017

## Use of force period: April to June 2017

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Number of resourced incidents | 42,641 |
| Use of Force forms            | 1,346  |
| Number of arrests             | 4,387  |

## Use of force tactics

|   |     |       |
|---|-----|-------|
| Tactical communications                             | 998 | 74.1% |
| Handcuffing (Compliant & Non-Compliant handcuffing) | 891 | 66.2% |
| Unarmed skills                                      | 574 | 42.6% |
| Ground restraint                                    | 404 | 30.0% |
| Dog deployed  | 21  | 1.6%  |
| Dog bite  | 8   | 0.6%  |
| Baton drawn   | 63  | 4.7%  |
| Baton used  | 35  | 2.6%  |
| Irritant spray - CS drawn                           | 12  | 0.9%  |
| Irritant spray - CS used                            | 1   | 0.1%  |
| Irritant spray - PAVA drawn                         | 103 | 7.7%  |
| Irritant spray - PAVA used                          | 96  | 7.1%  |
| Limb / Body restraints                              | 128 | 9.5%  |
| Spit guard  | 42  | 3.1%  |
| Shield  | 1   | 0.1%  |
| C.E.D. (Conductive Energy Device)                   | 47  | 3.5%  |
| Firearms  | 4   | 0.3%  |
| AEP aimed (Attenuating Energy Projectiles)          | 6   | 0.4%  |
| AEP fired   | 1   | 0.1%  |
| Other / improvised                                  | 67  | 5.0%  |

## **Reason for force**

|                       |      |       |
|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Protect self          | 1103 | 81.9% |
| Protect public        | 567  | 42.1% |
| Protect other officer | 884  | 65.6% |
| Protect subject       | 570  | 42.3% |
| Prevent offence       | 643  | 47.7% |
| Secure evidence       | 199  | 14.7% |
| Effect search         | 230  | 17.0% |
| Effect arrest         | 716  | 53.1% |
| Method of entry       | 3    | 0.2%  |
| Remove handcuffs      | 39   | 2.8%  |
| Prevent harm          | 506  | 37.5% |
| Prevent escape        | 685  | 50.8% |
| Other                 | 34   | 2.5%  |

## **Impact factor**

|                            |     |       |
|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| Possession of a weapon     | 170 | 12.6% |
| Alcohol                    | 793 | 58.9% |
| Drugs                      | 519 | 38.5% |
| Mental health              | 463 | 34.3% |
| Prior knowledge            | 263 | 19.5% |
| Size/gender/build          | 613 | 45.5% |
| Acute behavioural disorder | 93  | 6.9%  |
| Crowd                      | 210 | 15.6% |
| Other                      | 163 | 12.1% |

## **Location – by Local Policing Team**

|                          |     |       |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Stafford                 | 131 | 9.7%  |
| East Staffordshire       | 132 | 9.8%  |
| Lichfield                | 55  | 4.0%  |
| Cannock Chase            | 84  | 6.2%  |
| Tamworth                 | 94  | 6.9%  |
| South Staffordshire      | 64  | 4.7%  |
| Staffordshire Moorlands  | 59  | 4.3%  |
| Newcastle                | 161 | 11.9% |
| Stoke-on-Trent(North)    | 166 | 12.3% |
| Stoke-on-Trent (Central) | 247 | 18.3% |
| Stoke-on-Trent (South)   | 145 | 10.7% |
| Out of Force             | 8   | 0.5%  |

## **Police officer injuries**

### **Injured**

|     |      |       |
|-----|------|-------|
| Yes | 140  | 10.4% |
| No  | 1206 | 89.5% |

### **Injury level**

|        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|
| Minor  | 138 | 10.2% |
| Severe | 2   | 0.1%  |

### **Injury type**

|               |    |      |
|---------------|----|------|
| Bitten        | 7  | 0.5% |
| Broken Bone   | 0  | 0%   |
| Bruising      | 31 | 2.3% |
| Cut           | 25 | 1.8% |
| Scratched     | 29 | 2.1% |
| Sprain/Strain | 29 | 2.1% |
| Stab wound    | 0  | 0%   |

## **Subject details**

### **Subject's perceived gender**

|             |      |       |
|-------------|------|-------|
| Male        | 1144 | 84.9% |
| Female      | 202  | 15.0% |
| Transgender | 0    | 0%    |

### **Subject's perceived age range**

|               |     |       |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| 0-10 years    | 2   | 0.1%  |
| 11-17 years   | 90  | 6.6%  |
| 18-34 years   | 735 | 54.6% |
| 35-49 years   | 246 | 18.2% |
| 50-64 years   | 50  | 3.7%  |
| 65 and over   | 0   | 0%    |
| Not specified | 223 | 16.5% |

### **Subject's perceived ethnicity**

|                          |      |       |
|--------------------------|------|-------|
| White                    | 1205 | 89.5% |
| Black (or Black British) | 51   | 3.7%  |
| Asian (or Asian British) | 42   | 3.1%  |

|            |    |      |
|------------|----|------|
| Chinese    | 0  | 0%   |
| Mixed      | 29 | 2.1% |
| Other      | 9  | 0.6% |
| Don't know | 10 | 0.7% |

## **Outcome**

|                  |     |       |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| Made off/escaped | 44  | 3.2%  |
| Arrested         | 966 | 71.7% |
| Hospitalised     | 70  | 5.2%  |
| Detained MHA     | 78  | 5.7%  |
| Fatality         | 0   | 0%    |
| Other            | 239 | 17.7% |