

# Use of Force

12 months to June 2022

**Data limitations to note:** This summary provides an insight into the number and content of the submitted use of force forms. **It should be noted that this does not provide an overview of the incidents themselves.** More than one form can be submitted against an individual incident if multiple officers are involved. It should also be noted that each form submitted can include multiple reasons for the use of force and various tactics may have been used. Details of the subject on the forms submitted will be duplicated. Therefore figures provided are purely an indication of the forms themselves.

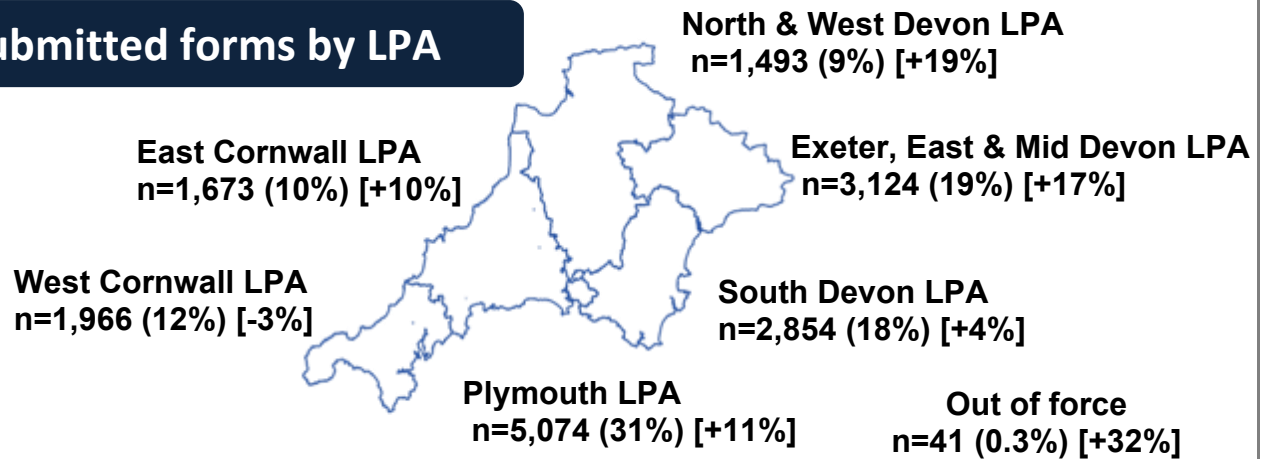
**NEW Percentages in square brackets [ ] show the comparison to the previous 12 month period.**

**145,489**  
Incidents attended [-8%]

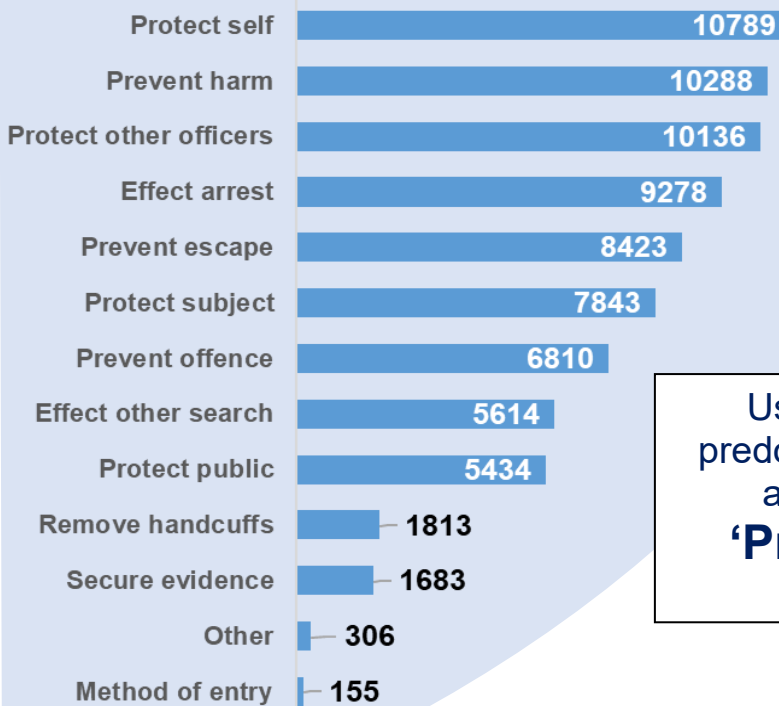
**16,225**  
Use of Force submissions  
[+9%]

Use of Force is used in a **very small proportion** of incidents attended

## Submitted forms by LPA

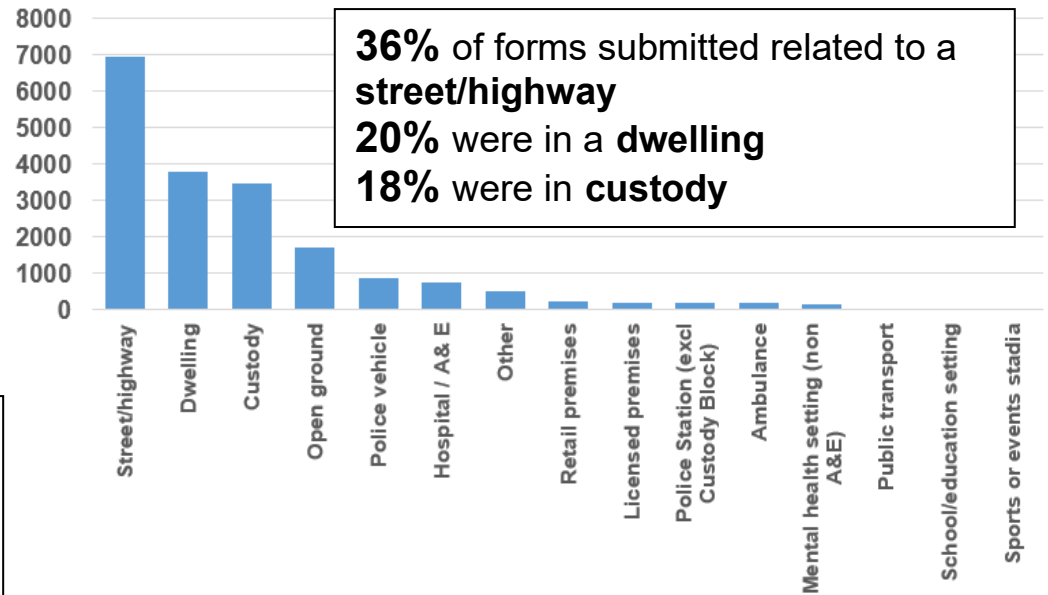


## Reasons for use of force



Use of force is predominantly used as a form of **'Protection'**

## Locations



**36%** of forms submitted related to a **street/highway**  
**20%** were in a **dwelling**  
**18%** were in **custody**

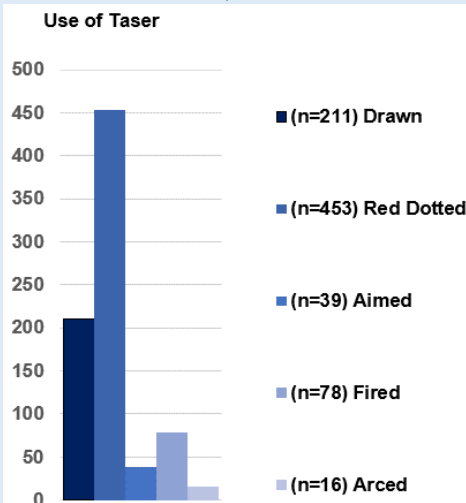
## Tactics used

Tactic	Count	Percentage
Tactical communication	13439	35%
Restraint Accoutrement*	9762	25%
Physical Restraint	8213	21%
Compliant Handcuffing	5397	14%
Taser	761	2%
Other	652	2%
Irritant Spray	459	1%
Firearm	99	0%
Baton	39	0%
Police Dog	36	0%

\*Of this category, Spit Guard was used 368 times (1% of total Tactics)

If the same tactic is used more than once by an officer at an incident it is only counted once. However as more than one tactic can be used in a single incident then the overall totals for tactics used will be higher than the number of incidents recorded.

**Tactical Communication** is the most used tactic



## Subjects of forms submitted

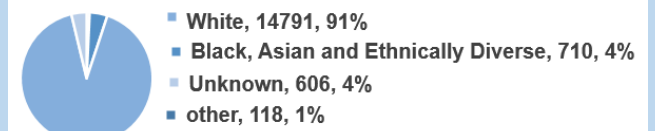
**5 out of 10** subjects were **male**



48% (n=7,839) male [+0%], 13% (n=2,169) female [-7%], and 0.0% (n=7) other [-77%]

In **49%** (n=7,998) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18 - 34 years** [+4%]

### Officer perceived ethnicity



### Age

Age Group	Count	Percentage
0 - 10 years	35	0.2%
11 - 17	1428	8.8%
18 - 34	7998	49.3%
35 - 49	4417	27.2%
50 - 64	1310	8.1%
65 or over	144	0.9%
Age unknown	893	5.5%

