

Use of Force

2022/23 partial - July to October 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.

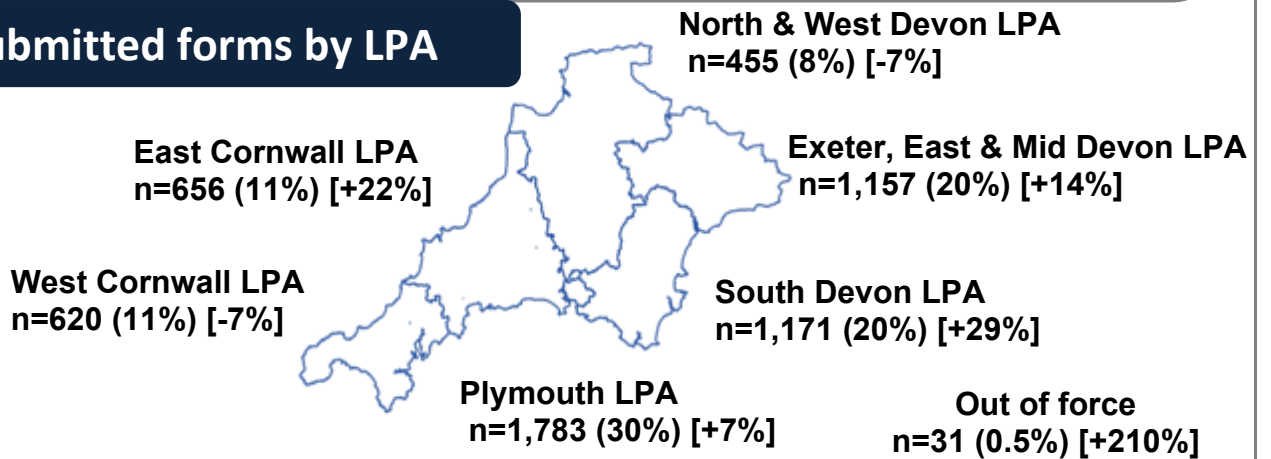
NEW Percentages in square brackets [] show the comparison to the same period the previous year (July to October 2021). Note that data is not currently available after October 2022 due to process changes including a change in Records Management System.

50,378
Incidents attended [-5%]

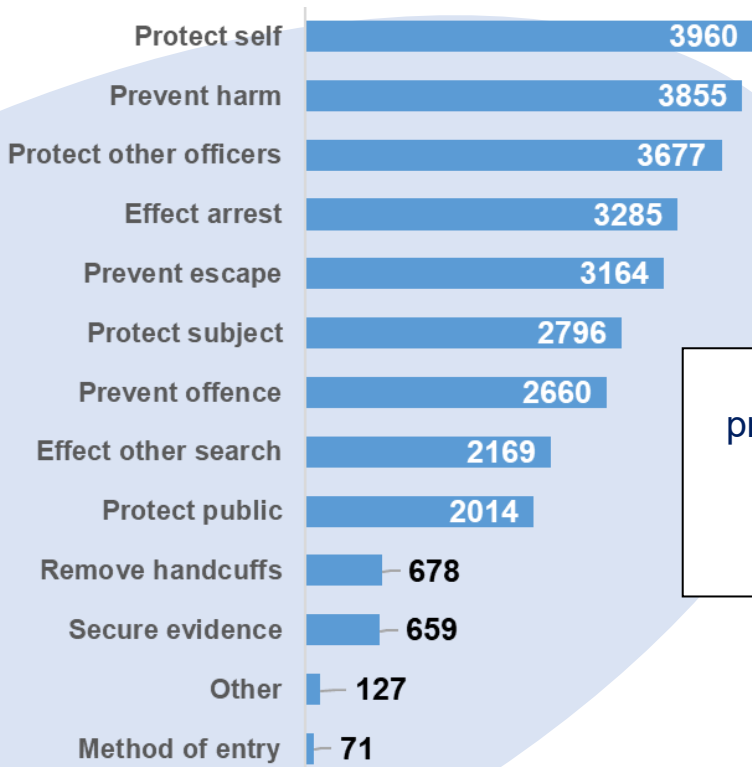
5,873
Use of Force submissions [+11%]

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

Submitted forms by LPA

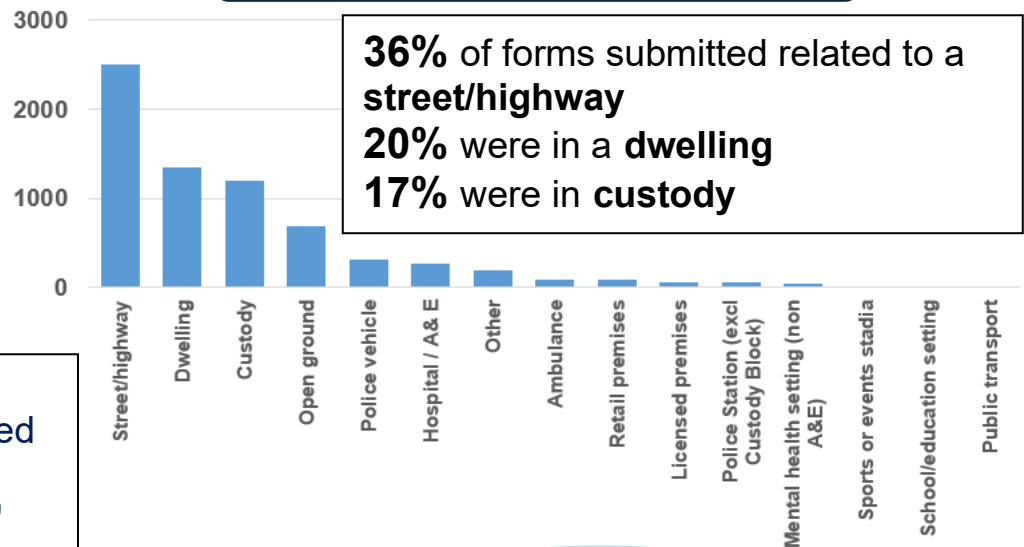


Reasons for use of force



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

Locations

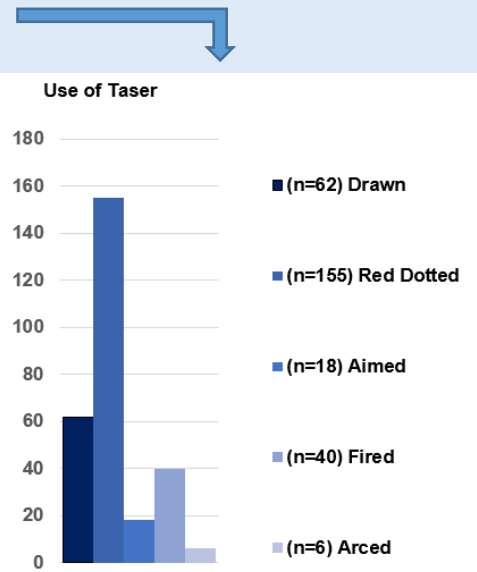


36% of forms submitted related to a **street/highway**
20% were in a **dwelling**
17% were in **custody**

Tactics used

Tactic	Count	Percentage
Tactical communication	4927	35%
Restraint Accoutrement*	3618	25%
Physical Restraint	2955	21%
Compliant Handcuffing	1947	14%
Taser	269	2%
Other	241	2%
Irritant Spray	181	1%
Firearm	32	0%
Baton	22	0%
Police Dog	21	0%

Tactical Communication is the most used tactic



*Of this category, Spit Guard was used 110 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.

Subjects of forms submitted

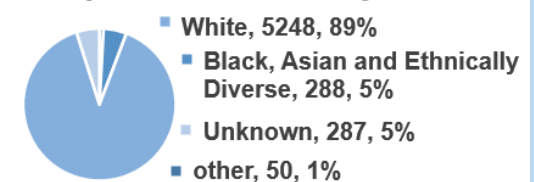
5 out of 10 subjects were **male**



45% (n=2,671) male [+4%], 13% (n=733) female [+1%], and 0.1% (n=8) other [+300%]

In **50%** (n=2,927) of the forms submitted the subject was aged between **18 - 34 years** [+11%]

Officer perceived ethnicity



Age

Age Group	Count	Percentage
0 - 10 years	19	0.3%
11 - 17	557	9.5%
18 - 34	2927	49.8%
35 - 49	1537	26.2%
50 - 64	425	7.2%
65 or over	72	1.2%
Age unknown	336	5.7%

