



Use of Force In Lincolnshire

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Since 1st April 2017 the National Police Chiefs' Council have introduced a consistent, uniformed approach for all Police Forces to record the use of force by Officers.

Police are charged with maintaining order and keeping people safe. In fulfilling those duties, they will sometimes need to use force on behalf of the state to protect the public and themselves from harm.

Lincolnshire Police will publish their use of force data on a quarterly basis. This data will provide greater transparency than ever before into how and why force is used; strengthening the vital relationship between the police and the public that is at the heart of our model of policing by consent.

Police officers are confronted with difficult situations every day. They walk towards danger when others walk away, thinking and acting quickly to keep people safe. This data gives insight into what being a police officer involves and the challenges they deal with on society's behalf. It will help to contextualise each use of force by showing how using minimal force prevents more serious options or harm to the public.

Officers are trained to use force proportionately, lawfully and only when absolutely necessary. This data helps us to identify the threats posed to our officers and the action taken to safely resolve situations.

Access to this data will give us a wealth of information that will help us to compare the effectiveness of different techniques enabling more informed, evidence-based decisions about training, tactics and equipment.

Use of Force refers to where an Officer has used force against a person and ranges from applying handcuffs to a person who is compliant, for the purposes of transporting them to the Police Station, to the higher end of where a firearm is aimed or discharged.

Summary Statistics

- During Jul - Sep, **1123** use of force were recorded by Police officers in Lincolnshire
(Date use of force took place – not when form was submitted)

Month	TOTAL	Qtr	Month	TOTAL	Qtr	Month	TOTAL	Qtr
Apr-19	310	1021	Apr-20	323	1015	Apr-21	444	1342
May-19	369		May-20	362		May-21	498	
Jun-19	342		Jun-20	330		Jun-21	400	
Jul-19	380	1115	Jul-20	517	1419	Jul-21	382	1123
Aug-19	396		Aug-20	472		Aug-21	398	
Sep-19	339		Sep-20	430		Sep-21	343	
Oct-19	368	1074	Oct-20	429	1237	Oct-21		0
Nov-19	331		Nov-20	426		Nov-21		
Dec-19	375		Dec-20	382		Dec-21		
Jan-20	329	878	Jan-21	387	1131	Jan-22		0
Feb-20	278		Feb-21	372		Feb-22		
Mar-20	271		Mar-21	372		Mar-22		
TOTAL	4088	4088	TOTAL	4802	4802	TOTAL	2465	2465

- This equates to **3.1%** of total calls for service recorded during this time
- This equates to **46%** of all arrests via Lincs Custody Suites recorded during this time

Where did Use of Force take place?

- The majority of use of force took place in the **Lincoln & West Lindsey** area – 499 (44%)

District Area	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Lincoln & West Lindsey	1780	417	556	533	559	2065	593	499			
Boston & South Holland	784	253	366	323	261	1203	284	234			
East Lindsey	777	164	297	196	161	818	261	224			
North & South Kesteven	714	177	199	177	147	700	200	164			
Out of Force	33	5	1	7	3	16	4	2			
	4088	1016	1419	1236	1131	4802	1342	1123			

- The majority of use of force took place on the **Street/Highway** – 534 (48%)

Why did Use of Force take place?

- Alcohol** was a factor in the majority of use of force cases – 572 (51%)

(Multiple options)	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
Impact Factor		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Alcohol	1981	461	716	494	442	2113	597	572			
Mental Health	1196	307	463	361	386	1517	407	372			
Drugs	1127	302	379	325	357	1363	384	267			
Size / Gender / Build	959	267	336	303	271	1177	347	323			
Prior Knowledge	957	247	315	343	253	1158	352	224			
Other	642	153	226	218	197	794	214	143			
Possession of a weapon	620	128	208	199	177	712	216	140			
Crowd	289	41	101	39	35	216	83	80			
Acute behavioural disorder	128	34	36	36	35	141	39	34			

- The main reason for using force was to **Protect Self** – 849 (76%)

(Multiple options)	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
Use of Force Reason		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Effect search*	770	178	263	194	N/A	635	N/A	N/A			
Method of entry*	27	7	11	10	N/A	28	N/A	N/A			
Protect self	3303	816	1098	949	862	3725	216	849			
Protect other officers	2711	681	930	825	759	3195	922	787			
Protect subject	1654	404	638	524	528	2094	572	531			
Effect arrest	2164	493	654	566	493	2206	652	557			
Prevent escape	1383	354	434	473	482	1743	557	453			
Prevent harm	1329	373	498	413	428	1712	456	412			
Prevent offence	1227	322	412	315	335	1384	424	337			
Protect public	1455	309	444	318	310	1381	421	378			
Secure evidence	434	103	134	148	160	545	145	105			
Effect search in custody	N/A	N/A	N/A	57	111	168	129	110			
Effect stop and search	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	87	111	78	41			
Remove handcuffs	146	46	71	86	47	250	85	64			
Effect other search	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	42	58	60	40			
Other	114	49	59	44	36	188	38	46			

Please note where the officers have multiple choice options, the numbers will not add up to the total figures for the reporting quarter.
 (*) These have been discontinued by the Home Office

How did Use of Force take place?

- The primary behaviour of the subject in the majority of cases was **Active resistance** – 379 (34%)

Primary Conduct / Behaviour of Subject	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Active resistance	1116	273	464	363	322	1422	416	379			
Aggressive resistance	1039	251	360	303	264	1178	290	294			
Compliant	843	206	224	272	252	954	260	161			
Passive resistance	403	118	166	158	144	586	165	145			
Verbal resistance / gestures	464	111	140	94	97	442	133	80			
Serious or aggravated resistance	223	57	65	46	52	220	78	64			
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- Unarmed skills** was the tactic used first, second and third in the majority of cases – 687 (61%), followed by **Ground Restraint** (fourth tactic)
- 69 use of force cases in Q2 involved the **use of a Taser**, 45 of these involved the subject being **red-dotted** and 5 involved the Taser being **fired**
- Firearms were used in 1 case but **no firearms were fired**

Officer Injuries

- 69 officers were **assaulted** by the subject
- 49 officers were **spat at** by the subject
- 39 officers were **violently threatened with a weapon** of which 9 were **assaulted with a weapon**
- 55** officers were **injured** during the Use of Force, **28** of which were as a direct result of the subject intentionally assaulting the officer
- 1 officer received a **severe injury** and 54 officers received **minor injuries** of which only 31 **received medical attention**

Subject Details

- The majority of subjects on which force was used were **male** – 909 (81%), with females accounting for 212 (19%)
- The majority of subjects were aged between **18-34 years** of age – 712 (63%)

Age of Subject	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
0-10 years	5	2	4	3	1	10	1	4			
11-17 years	330	88	124	116	82	410	136	85			
18-34 years	2351	561	800	662	629	2652	729	712			
35-49 years	1080	266	386	361	344	1357	353	268			
50-64 years	279	86	90	81	65	322	104	50			
65 years or over	34	13	15	13	9	50	19	4			
(blank)	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	0			
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- The majority of subjects were perceived to be of **white ethnicity** – 1063 (95%)
- In 8 (1%) of cases, the subject was perceived to have **physical disabilities**
- In 359 (32%) of cases, the subject was perceived to have **mental disabilities**
- In 96 (9%) cases, the **subject received injuries** of which 94 were **minor** and 1 was **severe**. **Medical assistance was offered** in 13 cases, and **medical assistance was provided** in 13 cases.

Outcome

- The subject was **arrested** in the majority of use of force cases –767 (68%)

Outcome	2019-20	2020-21				2020-21	2021-22				2021-22
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Arrested	2978	683	946	854	745	3228	933	767			
Other	736	227	350	231	153	961	148	138			
Detained (Mental Health Act)	316	96	106	103	109	414	131	118			
Hospitalised	206	47	73	41	63	224	67	48			
Made off / escaped*	26	8	9	8	N/A	25	N/A	N/A			
Fatality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
No further action	N/A	3	2	49	121	175	130	103			

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No description for 'Other' provided

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