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# **Statistics on the Use of CS Spray**

**Quarter 3, 2008/09**

**1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

- Between 1 October and 31 December 2008, CS was sprayed on 115 occasions and drawn (not sprayed) on a further 32. The monthly breakdown is presented in Table 1.
- Table 2 shows that the use of CS Spray was greatest in G District where CS was sprayed on 30 occasions and drawn on a further 14.

**Table 1: Use of CS Spray: 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Month         | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total      |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| October 2008  | 43         | 9                      | 52         |
| November 2008 | 42         | 11                     | 53         |
| December 2008 | 30         | 12                     | 42         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>115</b> | <b>32</b>              | <b>147</b> |

**Table 2: Use of CS Spray by District/ Area: 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| District          | Area                      | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| <b>A District</b> | North Belfast             | 15         | 4                      | 19    |
|                   | West Belfast              | 3          | 1                      | 4     |
|                   | <b>A District Total</b>   | 18         | 5                      | 23    |
| <b>B District</b> | East Belfast              | 0          | 2                      | 2     |
|                   | South Belfast             | 6          | 0                      | 6     |
|                   | <b>B District Total</b>   | 6          | 2                      | 8     |
| <b>C District</b> | Ards                      | 4          | 0                      | 4     |
|                   | Castlereagh               | 0          | 0                      | 0     |
|                   | Down                      | 6          | 0                      | 6     |
|                   | North Down                | 2          | 1                      | 3     |
|                   | <b>C District Total</b>   | 12         | 1                      | 13    |
| <b>D District</b> | Antrim                    | 5          | 0                      | 5     |
|                   | Carrickfergus             | 2          | 1                      | 3     |
|                   | Lisburn                   | 4          | 2                      | 6     |
|                   | Newtownabbey              | 4          | 1                      | 5     |
|                   | <b>D District Total</b>   | 15         | 4                      | 19    |
|                   | <b>Urban Region Total</b> | 51         | 12                     | 63    |

| District          | Area                          | CS Sprayed              | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| <b>E District</b> | Armagh                        | 1                       | 0                      | 1     |
|                   | Banbridge                     | 0                       | 0                      | 0     |
|                   | Craigavon                     | 5                       | 0                      | 5     |
|                   | Newry and Mourne              | 9                       | 0                      | 9     |
|                   | <b>E District Total</b>       | 15                      | 0                      | 15    |
| <b>F District</b> | Cookstown                     | 7                       | 3                      | 10    |
|                   | Dungannon & South Tyrone      | 0                       | 0                      | 0     |
|                   | Fermanagh                     | 1                       | 1                      | 2     |
|                   | Omagh                         | 1                       | 0                      | 1     |
|                   |                               | <b>F District Total</b> | 9                      | 4     |
| <b>G District</b> | Foyle                         | 24                      | 3                      | 27    |
|                   | Limavady                      | 4                       | 0                      | 4     |
|                   | Magherafelt                   | 0                       | 10                     | 10    |
|                   | Strabane                      | 2                       | 1                      | 3     |
|                   |                               | <b>G District Total</b> | 30                     | 14    |
| <b>H District</b> | Ballymena                     | 6                       | 0                      | 6     |
|                   | Ballymoney                    | 0                       | 0                      | 0     |
|                   | Coleraine                     | 4                       | 2                      | 6     |
|                   | Larne                         | 0                       | 0                      | 0     |
|                   | Moyle                         | 0                       | 0                      | 0     |
|                   |                               | <b>H District Total</b> | 10                     | 2     |
|                   | <b>Rural Region Total</b>     | 64                      | 20                     | 84    |
|                   | <b>Northern Ireland Total</b> | 115                     | 32                     | 147   |

- The majority of CS spray use occurred while officers were on mobile patrol (Table 3). Public order situations were the most common types of incident being dealt with at the time of CS spray use (Table 4).
- The most common reason given by officers for CS spray use was to 'Protect Self'. This reason was given on 80% of occasions when CS was either drawn or sprayed (Table 6).

**Table 3: Use of CS Spray by Type of Duty:  
1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Type of Duty          | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total      |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Mobile Patrol         | 100        | 26                     | 126        |
| Foot Patrol           | 1          | 0                      | 1          |
| TSG                   | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| Public Order          | 7          | 6                      | 13         |
| Traffic               | 6          | 0                      | 6          |
| Single Officer Patrol | 1          | 0                      | 1          |
| Other                 | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>115</b> | <b>32</b>              | <b>147</b> |

**Table 4: Use of CS Spray by Incident Type:  
1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Incident Type            | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total      |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Public Order             | 37         | 10                     | 47         |
| Firearms                 | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| Traffic                  | 8          | 1                      | 9          |
| Crime                    | 6          | 7                      | 13         |
| Youths Causing Annoyance | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| Suspicious Person        | 1          | 0                      | 1          |
| Domestic                 | 17         | 5                      | 22         |
| Other                    | 7          | 2                      | 9          |
| Assault                  | 39         | 7                      | 46         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>115</b> | <b>32</b>              | <b>147</b> |

**Table 5: Use of CS Spray by Location:  
1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Location          | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn (not sprayed) | Total      |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Roadway           | 60         | 16                     | 76         |
| Public Park       | 1          | 1                      | 2          |
| Hospital          | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| Dwelling          | 17         | 6                      | 23         |
| Motor Vehicle     | 0          | 0                      | 0          |
| Car Park          | 7          | 2                      | 9          |
| Garden/ Driveway  | 9          | 1                      | 10         |
| Public Building   | 1          | 1                      | 2          |
| Other             | 17         | 5                      | 22         |
| Licensed Premises | 3          | 0                      | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>115</b> | <b>32</b>              | <b>147</b> |

**Table 6: Use of CS Spray by Reason for Use:  
1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Reason for Use          | CS Sprayed |     | CS Drawn (not sprayed) |     | Total |     |
|-------------------------|------------|-----|------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
|                         | N          | %   | N                      | %   | N     | %   |
| Protect Self            | 89         | 77% | 28                     | 88% | 117   | 80% |
| Protect Other Officer   | 73         | 63% | 20                     | 63% | 93    | 63% |
| Protect Public          | 41         | 36% | 8                      | 25% | 49    | 33% |
| Protect Evidence        | 1          | 1%  | 4                      | 13% | 5     | 3%  |
| Protect Property        | 9          | 8%  | 0                      | 0%  | 9     | 6%  |
| Prevent an Offence      | 62         | 54% | 18                     | 56% | 80    | 54% |
| Prevent Harm to Subject | 37         | 32% | 4                      | 13% | 41    | 28% |
| Effect Arrest           | 55         | 48% | 12                     | 38% | 67    | 46% |
| Effect Search           | 1          | 1%  | 1                      | 3%  | 2     | 1%  |
| Apply Handcuffs         | 19         | 17% | 4                      | 13% | 23    | 16% |
| Other                   | 1          | 1%  | 0                      | 0%  | 1     | 1%  |

- Table 7 presents a gender and age\* breakdown of those members of the public against whom CS spray was used. The table shows that CS was sprayed by officers on 7 members of the public aged 17 and under. Males aged between 18 and 29 were the group against whom CS was most commonly used.
- There were 6 members of the public injured in the course of an incident where CS was sprayed.
- Officers report damage to property on two occasions in the course of an incident where CS was sprayed.

**Table 7: Use of CS Spray by Gender and Age of Member of Public:  
1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008**

| Gender       | Age*         | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn<br>(not sprayed) | Total      |
|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Male         | 17 and under | 6          | 1                         | 7          |
|              | 18 - 29      | 63         | 16                        | 79         |
|              | 30 - 39      | 20         | 6                         | 26         |
|              | 40 - 49      | 17         | 3                         | 20         |
|              | 50 - 59      | 0          | 1                         | 1          |
|              | 60+          | 0          | 0                         | 0          |
|              | Male Total   | 106        | 27                        | 133        |
| Female       | 17 and under | 1          | 1                         | 2          |
|              | 18 - 29      | 6          | 2                         | 8          |
|              | 30 - 39      | 2          | 2                         | 4          |
|              | 40 - 49      | 0          | 0                         | 0          |
|              | 50 - 59      | 0          | 0                         | 0          |
|              | 60+          | 0          | 0                         | 0          |
|              | Female Total | 9          | 5                         | 14         |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>115</b> | <b>32</b>                 | <b>147</b> |

\*Age is indicated on the use of force form as 'approximate age'.

## **Appendix 1: Trend Information**

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Figure A1: CS Sprayed - June 2004 to March 2007

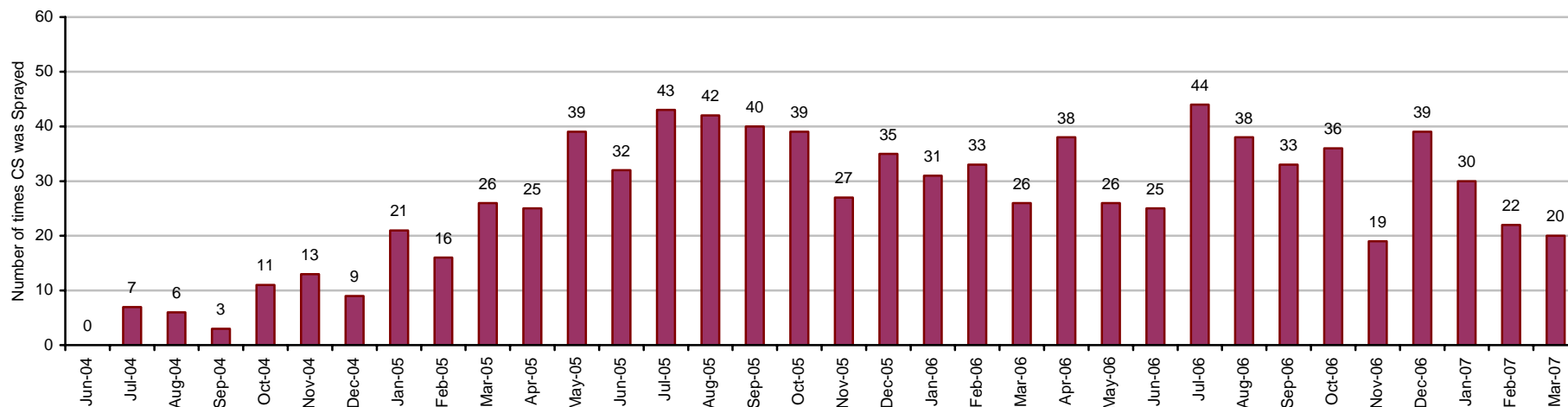


Figure A1 (contd): CS Sprayed - April 2007 to December 2008

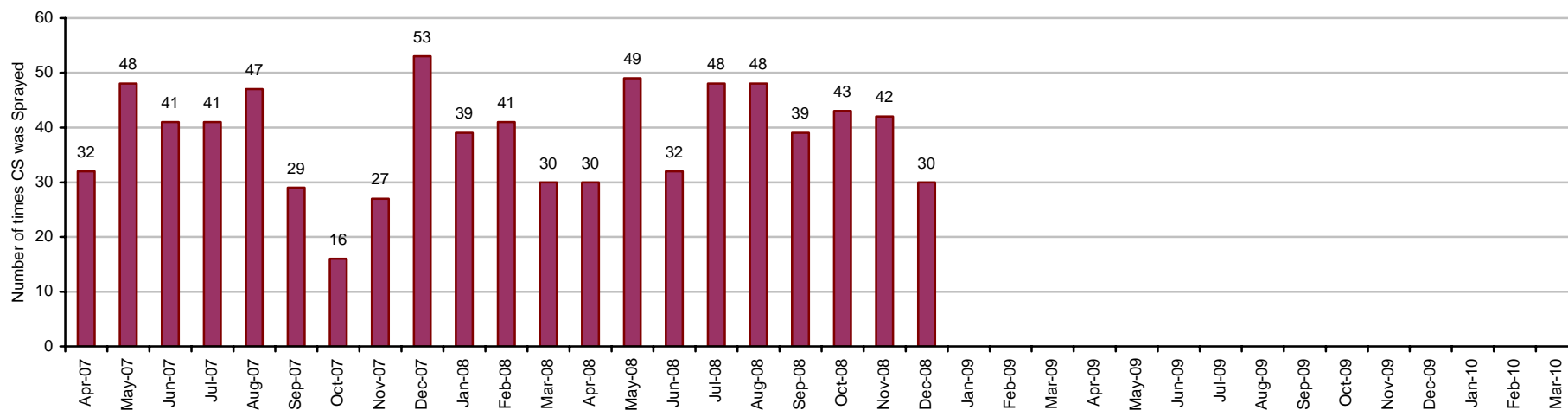


Figure A1 above shows the use of CS spray by month since it was introduced in June 2004. The chart shows that CS was sprayed on the greatest number of occasions during December 2007 (53 times).

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Figure A2: CS Drawn (Not Sprayed) - June 2004 to March 2007

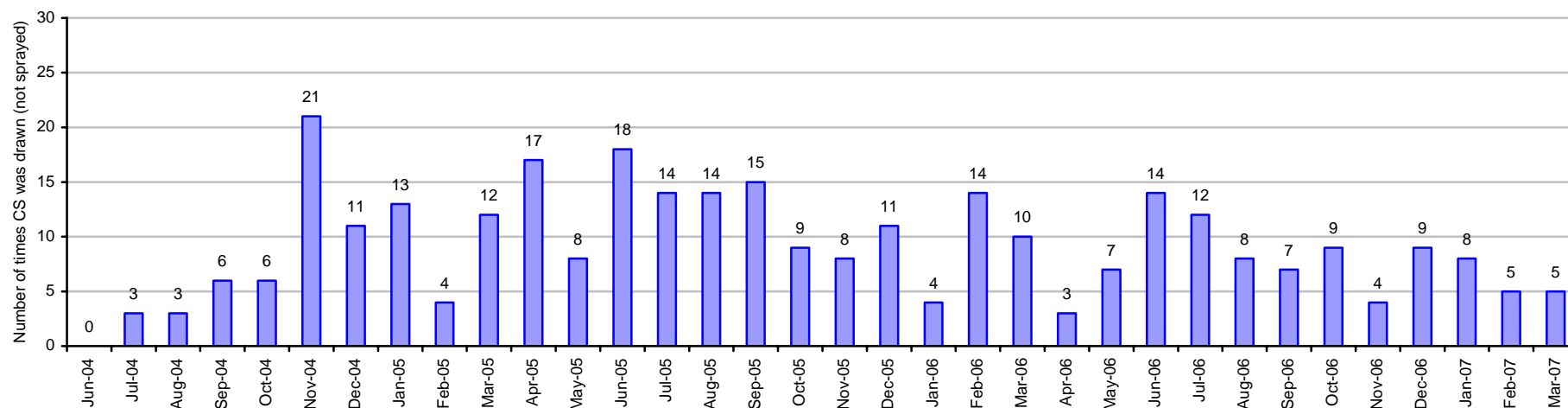


Figure A2 (contd): CS Drawn (Not Sprayed) - April 2007 to December 2008

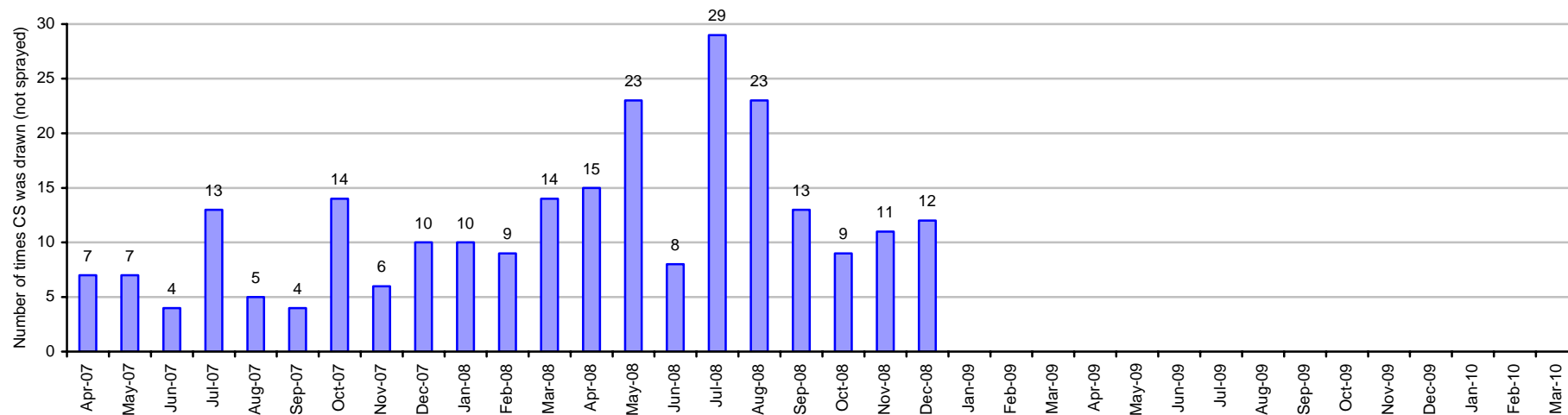


Figure A2 above shows the use of CS spray by month since it was introduced in June 2004. The chart shows that CS was drawn (not sprayed) on the greatest number of occasions during July 2008 (29 times).

## Appendix 1: Trend Information

### Table A3: Use of CS Spray by District and Area: 2004/05 to 2006/07

| District                      | Area                     | 2004/05**  |            |            | 2005/06    |            |            | 2006/07    |            |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               |                          | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn*  | Total      | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn*  | Total      | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn*  | Total      |
| <b>A District</b>             | North Belfast            | 15         | 4          | 19         | 56         | 4          | 60         | 36         | 4          | 40         |
|                               | West Belfast             | 4          | 1          | 5          | 26         | 3          | 29         | 31         | 0          | 31         |
|                               | <b>A District Total</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>89</b>  | <b>67</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>71</b>  |
| <b>B District</b>             | East Belfast             | 5          | 1          | 6          | 16         | 4          | 20         | 13         | 0          | 13         |
|                               | South Belfast            | 6          | 3          | 9          | 11         | 3          | 14         | 25         | 1          | 26         |
|                               | <b>B District Total</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>15</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>34</b>  | <b>38</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>39</b>  |
| <b>C District</b>             | Ards                     | 0          | 0          | 0          | 5          | 5          | 10         | 16         | 0          | 16         |
|                               | Castlereagh              | 0          | 1          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 4          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
|                               | Down                     | 3          | 6          | 9          | 6          | 3          | 9          | 9          | 1          | 10         |
|                               | North Down               | 2          | 2          | 4          | 19         | 3          | 22         | 15         | 5          | 20         |
|                               | <b>C District Total</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>14</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>45</b>  | <b>40</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>46</b>  |
| <b>D District</b>             | Antrim                   | 8          | 1          | 9          | 2          | 2          | 4          | 5          | 1          | 6          |
|                               | Carrickfergus            | 1          | 1          | 2          | 5          | 4          | 9          | 4          | 0          | 4          |
|                               | Lisburn                  | 1          | 0          | 1          | 12         | 4          | 16         | 8          | 1          | 9          |
|                               | Newtownabbey             | 4          | 1          | 5          | 20         | 2          | 22         | 13         | 2          | 15         |
|                               | <b>D District Total</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>39</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>34</b>  |
| <b>Urban Region Total</b>     | <b>49</b>                | <b>21</b>  | <b>70</b>  | <b>181</b> | <b>38</b>  | <b>219</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>190</b> |            |
| <b>E District</b>             | Armagh                   | 1          | 0          | 1          | 6          | 3          | 9          | 6          | 1          | 7          |
|                               | Banbridge                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 5          | 8          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
|                               | Craigavon                | 11         | 11         | 22         | 34         | 20         | 54         | 18         | 8          | 26         |
|                               | Newry and Mourne         | 5          | 1          | 6          | 10         | 3          | 13         | 7          | 1          | 8          |
|                               | <b>E District Total</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>84</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>41</b>  |
| <b>F District</b>             | Cookstown                | 0          | 2          | 2          | 9          | 7          | 16         | 11         | 6          | 17         |
|                               | Dungannon & South Tyrone | 3          | 3          | 6          | 9          | 4          | 13         | 12         | 5          | 17         |
|                               | Omagh                    | 5          | 3          | 8          | 29         | 5          | 34         | 16         | 3          | 19         |
|                               | Fermanagh                | 10         | 2          | 12         | 26         | 3          | 29         | 12         | 2          | 14         |
|                               | <b>F District Total</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>73</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>92</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>67</b>  |
| <b>G District</b>             | Foyle                    | 5          | 3          | 8          | 8          | 8          | 16         | 15         | 6          | 21         |
|                               | Limavady                 | 4          | 2          | 6          | 7          | 4          | 11         | 8          | 2          | 10         |
|                               | Strabane                 | 6          | 6          | 12         | 28         | 1          | 29         | 15         | 1          | 16         |
|                               | Magherafelt              | 2          | 5          | 7          | 5          | 5          | 10         | 6          | 9          | 15         |
|                               | <b>G District Total</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>48</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>62</b>  |
| <b>H District</b>             | Ballymena                | 4          | 12         | 16         | 4          | 12         | 16         | 6          | 10         | 16         |
|                               | Ballymoney               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 5          | 6          | 11         | 2          | 5          | 7          |
|                               | Coleraine                | 6          | 1          | 7          | 21         | 6          | 27         | 34         | 7          | 41         |
|                               | Larne                    | 0          | 1          | 1          | 5          | 0          | 5          | 5          | 0          | 5          |
|                               | Moyle                    | 1          | 6          | 7          | 22         | 12         | 34         | 22         | 10         | 32         |
|                               | <b>H District Total</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>57</b>  | <b>36</b>  | <b>93</b>  | <b>69</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>101</b> |
| <b>Rural Region Total</b>     | <b>63</b>                | <b>58</b>  | <b>121</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>335</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>76</b>  | <b>271</b> |            |
| <b>Northern Ireland Total</b> | <b>112</b>               | <b>79</b>  | <b>191</b> | <b>412</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>370</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>461</b> |            |

\*Not Sprayed \*\*CS Spray was introduced in June 2004.

Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment

Source: Central Statistics Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland

## Appendix 1: Trend Information

### Table A3 contd: Use of CS Spray by District and Area: 2007/08 to 31 December 2008

| District                      | Area                     | 2007/08    |            |            | 2008/09 (to 31 December 2008) |            |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                               |                          | CS Sprayed | CS Drawn*  | Total      | CS Sprayed                    | CS Drawn*  | Total      |
| <b>A District</b>             | North Belfast            | 70         | 5          | 75         | 32                            | 13         | 45         |
|                               | West Belfast             | 22         | 0          | 22         | 14                            | 2          | 16         |
|                               | <b>A District Total</b>  | <b>92</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>97</b>  | <b>46</b>                     | <b>15</b>  | <b>61</b>  |
| <b>B District</b>             | East Belfast             | 8          | 0          | 8          | 11                            | 4          | 15         |
|                               | South Belfast            | 22         | 7          | 29         | 17                            | 3          | 20         |
|                               | <b>B District Total</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>37</b>  | <b>28</b>                     | <b>7</b>   | <b>35</b>  |
| <b>C District</b>             | Ards                     | 16         | 1          | 17         | 7                             | 1          | 8          |
|                               | Castlereagh              | 4          | 1          | 5          | 2                             | 0          | 2          |
|                               | Down                     | 15         | 3          | 18         | 16                            | 5          | 21         |
|                               | North Down               | 9          | 1          | 10         | 5                             | 6          | 11         |
|                               | <b>C District Total</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>50</b>  | <b>30</b>                     | <b>12</b>  | <b>42</b>  |
| <b>D District</b>             | Antrim                   | 9          | 3          | 12         | 7                             | 3          | 10         |
|                               | Carrickfergus            | 4          | 2          | 6          | 7                             | 1          | 8          |
|                               | Lisburn                  | 12         | 0          | 12         | 10                            | 8          | 18         |
|                               | Newtownabbey             | 22         | 2          | 24         | 18                            | 1          | 19         |
|                               | <b>D District Total</b>  | <b>47</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>54</b>  | <b>42</b>                     | <b>13</b>  | <b>55</b>  |
| <b>Urban Region Total</b>     | <b>213</b>               | <b>25</b>  | <b>238</b> | <b>146</b> | <b>47</b>                     | <b>193</b> |            |
| <b>E District</b>             | Armagh                   | 9          | 2          | 11         | 4                             | 1          | 5          |
|                               | Banbridge                | 1          | 0          | 1          | 3                             | 1          | 4          |
|                               | Craigavon                | 16         | 14         | 30         | 18                            | 11         | 29         |
|                               | Newry and Mourne         | 7          | 6          | 13         | 12                            | 5          | 17         |
|                               | <b>E District Total</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>55</b>  | <b>37</b>                     | <b>18</b>  | <b>55</b>  |
| <b>F District</b>             | Cookstown                | 25         | 5          | 30         | 28                            | 10         | 38         |
|                               | Dungannon & South Tyrone | 9          | 2          | 11         | 9                             | 1          | 10         |
|                               | Fermanagh                | 13         | 6          | 19         | 12                            | 4          | 16         |
|                               | Omagh                    | 13         | 4          | 17         | 9                             | 0          | 9          |
|                               | <b>F District Total</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>77</b>  | <b>58</b>                     | <b>15</b>  | <b>73</b>  |
| <b>G District</b>             | Foyle                    | 33         | 6          | 39         | 54                            | 10         | 64         |
|                               | Limavady                 | 16         | 8          | 24         | 14                            | 6          | 20         |
|                               | Magherafelt              | 12         | 7          | 19         | 7                             | 17         | 24         |
|                               | Strabane                 | 15         | 1          | 16         | 5                             | 5          | 10         |
|                               | <b>G District Total</b>  | <b>76</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>80</b>                     | <b>38</b>  | <b>118</b> |
| <b>H District</b>             | Ballymena                | 11         | 2          | 13         | 16                            | 11         | 27         |
|                               | Ballymoney               | 10         | 8          | 18         | 7                             | 1          | 8          |
|                               | Coleraine                | 29         | 6          | 35         | 15                            | 13         | 28         |
|                               | Larne                    | 6          | 0          | 6          | 3                             | 0          | 3          |
|                               | Moyle                    | 6          | 1          | 7          | 0                             | 1          | 1          |
|                               | <b>H District Total</b>  | <b>62</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>79</b>  | <b>41</b>                     | <b>26</b>  | <b>67</b>  |
| <b>Rural Region Total</b>     | <b>231</b>               | <b>78</b>  | <b>309</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>97</b>                     | <b>313</b> |            |
| <b>Northern Ireland Total</b> | <b>444</b>               | <b>103</b> | <b>547</b> | <b>362</b> | <b>144</b>                    | <b>506</b> |            |

\*Not Sprayed