



Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOI 12682 Knife Offences on school premises

Signposting - links to information already in public domain:

House of Commons Briefing Paper - Knife crime in England and Wales <https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN04304>

Office for National Statistics - Crime in England and Wales: year ending September 2018 <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingseptember2018>

Full Fact (GB) - Knife Crime in England and Wales <https://fullfact.org/crime/knife-crime-england-and-wales>

Official Statistics Historical crime data <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/historical-crime-data#history>

Information Requested:

I note you seek access to the following information:

For the academic years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

- a) Number of people aged 18 and under reported to be in possession of a knife on school premises (bladed article or pointed weapon), with a breakdown by age and district
- b) Number of crimes reported related to knives on school grounds and a breakdown of each by description of crime, by district
- c) Number of assaults or injuries reported on schools grounds related to knives by district
Please also detail number of incidents reported on school premises where a weapon was seized, including age of child involved and description of weapon, such as bottles of acid discovered or assault by blunt weapon. Please could this also be broken down into each year.

Disclosure and Exemptions: (Full/Partial/Refused): **Partial**

Sec 1(1) (a), Essex Police does hold information relating to the request. Under Section 1(1) (b) the comment below and attached data has been provided in relation to the FOI submission.

In relation to the attached data:

- 1) Perpetrators investigated for offences of code 827/862 broken down by Academic Year – all offences on system (not just restricted to school address etc.)

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- 2) Knife Crime at Schools based on Knife Crime keyword and address location/Location Type on CF showing School/Academy
- 3) Perpetrators investigated for Possession of weapons offences (HMIC CT3) broken down by Academic Year recorded where the offence location address shows School/Academy etc.

Response:

Please find below the response to your **request issued on 27/03/2019**.

Information correct as of 22/03/2019.

Please find below the response to your request.

FOI 12682 OFFENCES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

TABLE ONE:- PERSONS REPORTED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A BLADE/POINTED ARTICLE ON SCHOOL PREMISES - BREAKDOWN BY PERPETRATOR AGE AND OFFENCE LOCATION

	Offence Category (Crimsec 10D, HO CR)	North Essex						South Essex				West Essex				ESSEX			
		Braintree	Chelmsford	Colchester	Maldon	Tendring	Uttlesford	TOTAL	Basildon	Castle Point	Rochford	Southend-on-Sea	TOTAL	Brentwood	Epping Forest	Harlow	Thurrock	TOTAL	TOTAL
2014/2015	Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	2	1	1			1	5	1	2	1	3	7				1	1	13
	Perpetrator age under 10						1	1											1
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	2	1	1				4	1	2	1	3	7				1	1	12
	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises								1				1			1	1	2	3
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18								1				1			1		1	2
	Perpetrator age 18 plus															1	1	1	
	GRAND TOTAL 2014/2015	2	1	1	0	0	1	5	1	3	1	3	8	0	0	1	2	3	16
2015/2016	Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	2			1		1	4	1	1	1		3	2		1	1	4	11
	Perpetrator age under 10	1						1											1
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	1			1		1	3	1	1	1		3	2		1	1	4	10
	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	2						2											2
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	2						2											2
	GRAND TOTAL 2015/2016	4	0	0	1	0	1	6	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	4	13
2016/2017	Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	4	1	3		1		9	2	2		4	8	1	1	1	7	10	27
	Perpetrator age under 10	1		1				2									1	1	3
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	3	1	2		1		7	2	2		4	8	1	1		6	8	23
	Perpetrator age 18 plus															1		1	1
	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises		2	1		1		4				1	1	1				1	6
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18		2	1		1		4				1	1	1				1	6
	GRAND TOTAL 2016/2017	4	3	4	0	2	0	13	2	2	0	5	9	2	1	1	7	11	33
2017/2018	Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	1	3	6	1	1		12	3	4	1	4	12		1		3	4	28
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	1	3	6	1	1		12	3	4	1	4	12				3	3	27
	Perpetrator age 18 plus													1				1	1
	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises					2		2	1			1	2						4
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18					2		2	1			1	2						4
	GRAND TOTAL 2017/2018	1	3	6	1	3	0	14	4	4	1	5	14	0	1	0	3	4	32
	GRAND TOTAL (ALL YEARS)	11	7	11	2	5	2	38	8	10	3	13	34	4	2	3	13	22	94

Table One shows the number of Persons investigated for offences of Possession of an Article with a Blade or point at School premises as per Section 10D of the HO CR.

Breakdown is by the Offence Description under this section, Perpetrator age category (at offence date), Academic year recorded* and Police District where offence occurred.

To clarify the Table shows not the number of offences but the number of persons investigated for an offence - please note that in some circumstances more than one person can be investigated.

* Academic year equals period September to August e.g. September 2015 to August 2016 for example.

TABLE TWO:- KNIFE CRIME * RECORDED AT SCHOOLS BROKEN DOWN BY HMIC CRIME TREE CATEGORY THREE AND OFFENCE LOCATION

	Offence Category (as per HMIC Crime Tree 3)	North Essex						South Essex					West Essex				ESSEX		
		Braintree	Chelmsford	Colchester	Maldon	Tendring	Uttlesford	TOTAL	Basildon	Castle Point	Rochford	Southend-on-Sea	TOTAL	Brentwood	Epping Forest	Harlow	Thurrock	TOTAL	TOTAL
2014/2015	Other theft							1				1						1	
	Possession of weapons							1	1	1		3		1				1	
	Robbery of personal property				1		1												
	Stalking and Harassment			1			1												
	Violence with injury		1				1												
	Total Offences	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	8
2015/2016	Criminal Damage				1		1											1	
	Homicide														1			1	
	Possession of weapons	2			1		1	4											4
	Public Order		1	1			2								1			1	
	Robbery of personal property														1			1	
	Violence with injury		2			1	3	1		1	1	3			1	1	2	8	
	Violence without injury	1	1	1		1	4											4	
	Total Offences	3	4	2	2	2	1	14	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	4	1	5	22
2016/2017	Miscellaneous crimes against society										1	1						1	
	Possession of weapons	2	3	1		3	9	2	2			4	1		1	4	6	19	
	Public Order			1			1	2			1	3				1	1	5	
	Rape								1			1						1	
	Robbery of personal property							1				1						1	
	Violence with injury	2	1			2	5	1	1			2			1	1	2	9	
	Violence without injury					2	2	1	1			2	2				2	6	
	Total Offences	4	4	2	0	7	0	17	7	5	0	2	14	3	0	2	6	11	42
2017/2018	Possession of weapons	1	2	6		2	11	4	1	1	4	10					3	3	24
	Public Order									1	1	2						2	
	Violence with injury														1	2	3	3	
	Violence without injury			1		1	2											2	
		Total Offences	1	2	7	0	3	0	13	4	1	2	5	12	0	0	1	5	6
	GRAND TOTAL (ALL YEARS)	8	11	12	3	12	1	47	14	7	4	8	33	3	1	7	12	23	103

Table Two relates to offences categorised as Knife Crime* recorded at Schools broken down by Offence Category, Academic Year and Police District (offence location).

Knife Crime is indicated on the Crime system by the means of specific keywords such as knife, sharp instrument, scissors, screwdriver or razor being recorded against an offence.

The data as shown relates only to offences categorised in this manner and where the location address includes within it the word School or Academy.

Please note Possession of Weapons is included as an offence category but only where the above criteria applies.

TABLE THREE:- PERSONS REPORTED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF WEAPONS AT SCHOOLS - BREAKDOWN BY PERPETRATOR AGE CATEGORY AND OFFENCE LOCATION

	Perpetrator Age Category	North Essex						South Essex					West Essex				ESSEX		
		Braintree	Chelmsford	Colchester	Maldon	Tendring	Uttlesford	TOTAL	Basildon	Castle Point	Rochford	Southend-on-Sea	TOTAL	Brentwood	Epping Forest	Harlow	Thurrock	TOTAL	TOTAL
2014/2015	Perpetrator age under 10						1	1											1
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	3	1	1				5	1	3	3	2	9		2		1	3	17
	Perpetrator age 18 plus									1			1						1
	GRAND TOTAL 2014/2015	3	1	1	0	0	1	6	1	4	3	2	10	0	2	0	1	3	19
2015/2016	Perpetrator age under 10	1						1											1
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	3			1		1	5	2	1	1		4	2		1	1	4	13
	GRAND TOTAL 2015/2016	4	0	0	1	0	1	6	2	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	1	4	14
2016/2017	Perpetrator age under 10	1		1				2									1	1	3
	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	4	4	4		3	1	16	3	3		2	8	3	2		4	9	33
	Perpetrator age 18 plus															1	1	2	2
	No Perpetrator age recorded								1				1						1
GRAND TOTAL 2016/2017	5	4	5	0	3	1	18	4	3	0	2	9	3	2	1	6	12	39	
2017/2018	Perpetrator age 10 to 18	1	5	7	2	3		18	5	4	4	6	19				3	3	40
	GRAND TOTAL 2017/2018	1	5	7	2	3	0	18	5	4	4	6	19	0	0	0	3	3	40
GRAND TOTAL (ALL YEARS)		13	10	13	3	6	3	48	12	12	8	10	42	5	4	2	11	22	112

Table Three relates to the number of persons investigated for offences of Possession of Weapons (as per HMIC Crime Tree) and where the offence address description specifies the address as being a School or Academy.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THREE TABLES RELATE TO DIFFERENT DATA SETS.