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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001685/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 20th April 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 In each of the last three calendar years (2013), (2014) and (2015) how many incidents of knife crime have you recorded where the victim has been aged UNDER 18? Please provide a breakdown of these crimes for each year.
- 2 How many people under the age of 18 have you arrested in each of the last three calendar years (2013), (2014) and (2015) for a knife possession offence and how many of these were for the offence committed on school premises? Please provide a breakdown for each year of the number of arrests by age.

NOTE: Please use the definitions below for knife crime and knife possession.

Knife Crime: All offences of Murder, attempted murder, threats to kill, manslaughter, infanticide, wounding or carrying out an act endangering life, GBH without intent, ABH and other injury, sexual assault, rape, robbery where a knife or sharp instrument (defined as any instrument that can pierce the skin) has been used.

Simple possession is excluded (For example, when a police search results in a discovery of possession of a weapon).

Knife Possession: To include all the following offences.

- Possession of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse. Prevention of Crime Act 1953 Section 1.
- Possession of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse on school premises. Criminal Justice Act 1988 Section 139 A (2) as amended by Offensive Weapons Act 1996 Section 4 (1).
- Having an article with a blade or a point in a public place. Criminal Justice Act 1988 Section 139 (1) as amended by Offensive Weapons Act 1996 Section 3 (1).
- Having an article with a blade or a point on school premises. Criminal Justice Act 1988 Section 139 (2) as amended by Offensive Weapons Act 1996 Section 4 (1).
- Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place.
- Threaten with a blade/sharply pointed article on a school premises
- Threaten with an offensive weapon on a school premises.
- Threaten with a blade/sharply pointed article in a public place.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research of the Constabulary's crime and custody databases. With regards to crimes they have used either the 'knife crime' indicator or 'Method Used = Knife' to identify relevant crime reports.

With regards to question 2, they have looked at offences of 'offensive weapon', reviewing the circumstances of each arrest to identify those involving a knife/bladed article.

Q1

UNDER 18s	Year			
Offence Description	2013	2014	2015	Grand Total
Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm	0	4	12	16
Rape Of A Female Aged 16 Or Over	1	0	0	1
Threats To Kill	0	1	3	4
Wounding Or Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm With Or Without Weapon	0	1	1	2
Wounding With Intent To Do Grievous Bodily Harm	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	1	7	16	24

Q2

Knife possession offences	Year			
Age	2013	2014	2015	Grand Total
11	0	0	1	1
13	1	0	2	3
14	1	1	2	4
15	3	4	2	9
16	2	0	7	9
17	7	2	5	14
Not Stated	2	1	1	4
Grand Total	16	8	20	44

Number on school premises	Year			
Age	2013	2014	2015	Grand Total
11	0	0	1	1
13	0	0	1	1
14	1	1	2	4
15	3	3	1	7
16	2	0	3	5
17	5	2	1	8
Not Stated	2	1	0	3
Grand Total	13	7	9	29