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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:02/02/2024

2024/092 – Knife Crime

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know what data North Wales Police holds on children that have been caught with a knife and/or been attacked with a knife.

I am looking for data pertaining to 6 to 13 year olds which is broken it down by age (ie individual stats for 6 year olds, 7 years olds, etc) on the following:

- 1. The number of children within that age bracket who have been found with a knife by the police.**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
7	0	0	1	0	1
8	0	0	0	1	0
9	0	0	1	0	0
10	4	0	2	2	3
11	6	0	3	6	6
12	6	3	4	7	5
13	4	2	3	8	12
Total	20	5	14	24	27

Data refer to persons recorded as Suspects, where the offence is recorded as Possession of Bladed Article

- 2. The number of children within that age bracket that have been a victim of knife related crimes committed by other adults.**

- 3. The number of children within that age bracket who have been a victim of knife related crimes by other children**

17 & Under	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	1	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	1
9	1	1	0	0	0
10	0	1	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0
12	1	2	0	1	0
13	3	1	1	0	0

Total	5	5	2	1	1
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18 & Over	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	1	1	2
Total	0	0	1	1	2

Data refer to all offences where the Victim is aged 6-13, and the Offender is aged either 17 & Under, or 18 & Over

4. The number of children within the ages of 10 to 13 that have been arrested or charged for carrying a knife.

The date needed is from Jan 2019 to December 2023 (or the most recent available data - please make clear when this data runs up to) and would like the data broken down by year and age group.

Arrests	12	13	Total
2019	0	1	1
2021	0	1	1
2022	2	2	4
2023	1	5	6

Charged etc.	12	13	Total
2020	1	0	1
2022	0	1	1
2023	0	3	3

Data refer to Possession of Bladed Article offences

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/01/2024