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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 18/03/2024

2024/306 - Weapons seized in schools

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please could I have, for each year, for 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 -

Number of weapons seized from schools

Within this -

- Breakdown of type of weapons, including blades / knives, bb guns etc.**
- Breakdown of the ages of the children the weapons were seized from, if known.**

Please find below all occurrences linked to a HO code involving a weapon at a school:

Reported Date	HO Description	Location Subtype	Suspect Age	Summary
06/02/2020	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School		Child of 14 years found by school staff to be in possession of a knife on school premises and within school hours
04/03/2020	Possession of other offensive weapon on school / further education premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	School	28	A male has attended a school playing field while in possession of a bow and arrows. He was seen firing arrows into the grass.
18/03/2020	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	KNOWN OFFENDER HAS BEEN IN POSSESSION OF 56 PIECE KNIFE SET IN SCHOOL.

02/10/2020	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		15	CONCERNS FOR THE WELFARE OF 15 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO ATTENDED AT SCHOOL WITH A KNIFE. SHE HANDED IT IN TO A TEACHER SAYING THAT HER INTENTION HAD BEEN TO USE THE KNIFE TO SELF HARM. SHE HAD TRIED TO USE IT AND HAD SUPERFICIAL CUTS.
09/10/2020	Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	School	13	Offender has with him a metal imitation butterfly knife and intimates to other pupils that they intend to use it to stab another pupil. Item seized by officers at offender home address when it is surrendered to them. Offender admits it is the article that they had with them in school.
10/10/2020	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	Car park (open air)	14	IP has been threatened by the suspect who has smashed a glass bottle and used it as a weapon. No injuries.
18/10/2020	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	House	52	IP has been assaulted by a known male who has held a knife to his neck. The IP disclosed that the same offender had assaulted him two weeks before causing bruising to the right eye and numbness to the right side of his face.
04/11/2020	Possession of other offensive weapon on school / further education premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	School	15	EMAIL OCCURRENCE REQUEST. KNOWN OFFENDER HAS BROUGHT NUMEROUS ITEMS INTO SCHOOL SUCH AS HANDCUFFS AND KNIVES.
03/12/2020	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	Staff member has contacted police wishing to report that a male pupil has attended at school with a knife, no threats have been made.
03/04/2021	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises		24	INFT REPORTED CONCERNS FOR HER EX-PARTNER, WHO DID NOT RETURN FROM A LOCAL SHOP. THE INFT THEN REPORTED THAT THE IP HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY ASSAULTED A FEW WEEKS AGO AND SUFFERED BROKEN BONES AS A RESULT. ON THIS OCCASION, THE KNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE THREATENED THE IP AND HAVE CHASED HIM WITH WEAPONS.
03/04/2021	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises		19	INFT REPORTED CONCERNS FOR HER EX-PARTNER, WHO DID NOT RETURN FROM A LOCAL SHOP. THE INFT THEN REPORTED THAT THE IP HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY ASSAULTED A FEW WEEKS AGO AND SUFFERED BROKEN BONES AS A RESULT. ON THIS OCCASION, THE KNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE THREATENED THE IP AND HAVE CHASED HIM WITH WEAPONS.
22/04/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	16	FEMALE PUPIL FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A BLADED ARTICLE ON SCHOOL PREMISES, HAVING CONFISCATED IT FROM A FRIEND WHO INTENDED TO USE IT TO SELF HARM

10/05/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	13	A PUPIL AT SCHOOL WAS HEARD SAYING THAT HE WAS GOING TO THE HOLWAY TONIGHT AND ITS GOING OFF AND HE IS GING TO TAKE PROTECTION. HE ALSO SAID THEY WERE GOING TO BATTER A NAMED MALE STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL.SUSPECT WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A ADAPTED SCISSOR WHICH HE STATED WAS TO MAKE A SHANK.
14/05/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	Female pupil has attended school in possession of a small pocket knife, no threats made. Suspect stated that she had brought into school to show off, item has been seized.
02/07/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	11	KNOWN OFFENDER HAS BROUGHT KNIFE INTO SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN SHOWING IT TO OTHER PUPILS.
01/10/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	15	CALLER REPORTING THAT A STUDENT AT LOCATION WAS SUSPENDED FOR BEING FOUND WITH A BAG FULL OF DRUGS AND A KNIFE. HE HAD BEEN SUPPLYING DRUGS TO STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL . INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT HE IS ALSO SUPPLYING DRUGS TO STUDENTS AT OTHER SCHOOLS.
19/10/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			Informant concerned about his son's relationship with a fellow pupil who attends school. this female person has sent him a picture via whatsapp of her in her underwear and she is known to carry sharp objects on her in school and self-harms. Also concerned that his son is believed to have passed a bladed article to another female pupil, and its unknown how he has obtained the bladed article.
21/10/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	11	female person has sent to a fellow school pupil a picture via whatsapp of her in her underwear and she is known to carry sharp objects on her in school and self-harm.
28/10/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	Email - Known offender is found to be in possession of a kitchen knife whilst on school premises.
02/11/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		10	Report that offender has had a lock knife with them on school premises.
02/11/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	14	Informant reporting that the suspect has brought both a knife and a BB gun to the school. This was brought to the attention of the school by two different parents of other pupils whom had seen it. Not threatened or used either of the items but had them on his person.
08/11/2021	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further	School	12	Headteacher of the location address has recovered a kitchen knife from a male pupil.

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10/12/2021	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	Street/road		Informant reporting that the suspect has threatened the IP with a knife.
20/01/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	PUPIL TOOK FLICK KNIFE INTO SCHOOL AS HE FEARED OTHER PUPILS. HE WAS SHOWING IT TO PUPILS.
29/01/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	14	Male suspect has been showing other pupils a small knife on the school bus. A teacher has confiscated a small 'Stanley' brand silver handled safety knife which has now been seized by School Police Officer.
31/01/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			Knife recovered from a pupil at the location
09/02/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		11	Reports have been made that pupil was in possession of a knife in school, staff have taken female to an office, search has been carried out and knife has been discovered
21/02/2022	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	School	11	Offender has made threats towards the victim with a bladed article
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04/03/2022	Carrying a loaded or unloaded or imitation firearm or air weapon in public place.	School	12	Child has taken a BB gun into school, and has been seen to pretend to shoot three children
16/03/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	Other (public building)	15	Informant is head teacher at the location and they have found a 3 inch knife in a students coat pocket.
18/03/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	MALE HAS ATTENDED SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE WHICH WAS SEIZED BY OFFICERS.
18/03/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	11	MALE HAS ATTENDED SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE WHICH WAS SEIZED BY OFFICERS.
21/03/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	15	3 pupils from the location address have been seen in possession of a stanley knife whilst on school premises. The knife have shown it to other pupils

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07/04/2022	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises		17	During an ongoing dispute offender has pulled out a knife and threatened to stab the victim
07/04/2022	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	School	11	Inft son has told her that a male at the same school as him is carrying a knife around and if anyone is mean to him he will stab them, he has described it as a flick knife, inft had no further information.
06/05/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School		Possession of a bladed article on school premises
16/05/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	11	The caller (staff Member at school) has seized a small kitchen knife from a Childs handbag . The item was discovered when a book was placed inside .
27/05/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			Female has been found in possession of a knife in school by teachers.
14/06/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		14	Student found in possession of a weapon, no further details.
12/10/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		13	The suspect in this case has taken a small knife into school.
20/10/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		13	The suspect child has taken two kebab skewers into school with him .
25/10/2022	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	School	15	KNOWN OFFENDER HAS TAKEN A 7 INCH KNIFE FROM THE CATERING CLASSROOM AND BRANDISHED IT IN A TEACHERS FACE STATING "I COULD SHANK SOMEONE WITH THIS. HAS THEN LOWER THE KNIFE AND PLACED IT IN THE FRONT WAISTBAND OF THIS TROUSERS AND WALKED OUT OF THE CLASS ROOM.
26/10/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		11	Manager of the location had discovered a female pupil had a number of weapons in her bag, including a knife and knuckle duster.

08/11/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			Pupil has been found in possession of a knife at location.
14/11/2022	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises		13	Victim reports that known offender has approached him whilst armed with a pair of scissors.
17/11/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		14	Report that offender has been found by staff to be in possession of a razor blade on school premises.
25/11/2022	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises		16	Known offender has pointed a BB Gun at the victim and made comments, causing her to fear the weapon would be used on her.
08/12/2022	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	School	15	Male pupil has been found in possession of a knife in school which he used to threaten a teacher with.
08/12/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	15	School staff have searched a male pupil on school premises and have found a utility knife on his person. The male then threatened to stab staff with the knife.
15/12/2022	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	12	Child has been found in possession of a knife on school premises.
13/01/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		11	Email - Report that offender attended school in possession of two small sharp letter openers.
15/02/2023	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	School		Caller reporting being threatened with a knife at school and told don't you dare snitch or I will come and find you.
16/02/2023	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	School	11	Report that offender has taken a knife in to school and has held it near to the neck of the IP. Offender has also been making threats to slit the IP.
16/02/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	11	Offender has been in possession of a bladed article whilst in school.
16/02/2023	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises		10	Report that offender has taken a knife into school and has threatened to stab the IP with it. Offender has also told other pupils he was going to stab the IP.
17/02/2023	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further	Street/road		Caller reporting being threatened with a knife at school and told don't you dare snitch or I will come and find you.

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02/05/2023	Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place	School	12	Suspect has attended the school with a metal bar in order to assault another pupil.
12/06/2023	Possession of other offensive weapon on school / further education premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse		11	Infant has contacted police wishing to report a student has attended at school with a weapon and made threats via text towards another student.
28/09/2023	Threaten with an offensive weapon on school / further education premises	School	11	possession of a bladed article
06/10/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	10	Details of the offender are required - Full name, dob and an address. Year 6 pupil has taken a multi tool to School. Small multi tool however it does have a small pen knife attached approximately 4cm in length. No threats made and multitool seized by School.
15/11/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			Informant (staff member) stating a student had turned up in college today with a knife, they were made aware of this as the student had shown it to his friends, the knife was not used to injure or threaten anyone on the college site.
21/11/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		13	Third party reports two friends have been threatened by another pupil who has been seen to be in possession of a blade
27/11/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	School	16	THE SUSPECTS BAG WAS SEARCHED IN SCHOOL AND WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN A KNIFE AND SOME CANNABIS .
19/12/2023	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;		13	Known offender has been found to be in possession of a small kitchen knife with a blade of approximately 3 inches on school premises. The knife was found by staff within her school bag and had not been used/threatened/shown to anyone.
01/03/2024	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;			

Please find below data for all seized property types involving blades and guns at schools:

Seized Firearms:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Reported Date	Location Subtype	Firearm Classification	Summary
2020	125/12	Harassment, alarm or	02/03/2020	School	;Seized with warrant;	Pupil has taken a ball bearing gun into

		distress (Sec 5)				school
2021	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	02/11/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Informant reporting that the suspect has brought both a knife and a BB gun to the school. This was brought to the attention of the school by two different parents of other pupils whom had seen it. Not threatened or used either of the items but had them on his person.
2021	008/27	Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	02/11/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Informant reporting that the suspect has brought both a knife and a BB gun to the school. This was brought to the attention of the school by two different parents of other pupils whom had seen it. Not threatened or used either of the items but had them on his person.
2021	059/11	Threats to destroy or damage property	07/12/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Suspects have attended location making threats to cause damage to a students vehicle.

Seized Weapons:

HO Description	Reported Date	Location Subtype	Gen Prop Classification	Gen Prop Type	Summary
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	04/03/2020	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	A male has attended a school playing field while in possession of a bow and arrows. He was seen firing arrows into the grass.
Possession of other offensive weapon on school / further education premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	04/03/2020	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	A male has attended a school playing field while in possession of a bow and arrows. He was seen firing arrows into the grass.
non crime occurrence	09/03/2020	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	KNIFE HAS BEEN FOUND BY THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TISSUES THAT HAD BLOOD ON THEM. ON OFFICERS ARRIVAL THE TISSUES WERE NO LONGER THERE. THE KNIFE WAS SEIZED.
Possession of offensive	09/10/2020	School	;Seized with	Weapons	Offender has with him a metal imitation butterfly knife and

weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse			warrant;		intimates to other pupils that they intend to use it to stab another pupil. Item seized by officers at offender home address when it is surrendered to them. Offender admits it is the article that they had with them in school.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	22/04/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	FEMALE PUPIL FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A BLADED ARTICLE ON SCHOOL PREMISES, HAVING CONFISCATED IT FROM A FRIEND WHO INTENDED TO USE IT TO SELF HARM
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	14/05/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Female pupil has attended school in possession of a small pocket knife, no threats made. Suspect stated that she had brought into school to show off, item has been seized.
Burglary Business and Community	28/06/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	CALLER REPORTING THAT CCTV SHOWS TWO SUSPECTS GAINING ENTRY INTO THE LOCATION. CALLER STATES THERE WAS A BURGLARY AT DIFFERENT LOCATION ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	07/07/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	IP reporting that her son has been assaulted by another pupil, whilst in a lesson in school.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	01/10/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	CALLER REPORTING THAT A STUDENT AT LOCATION WAS SUSPENDED FOR BEING FOUND WITH A BAG FULL OF DRUGS AND A KNIFE. HE HAD BEEN SUPPLYING DRUGS TO STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL . INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT HE IS ALSO SUPPLYING DRUGS TO STUDENTS AT OTHER SCHOOLS.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	02/11/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Informant reporting that the suspect has brought both a knife and a BB gun to the school. This was brought to the attention of the school by two different parents of other pupils whom had seen it. Not threatened or used either of the items but had them on his person.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	08/11/2021	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Headteacher of the location address has recovered a kitchen knife from a male pupil.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	29/01/2022	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Male suspect has been showing other pupils a small knife on the school bus. A teacher has confiscated a small 'Stanley' brand silver handled safety knife which has now been seized by School Police Officer. The male claims he found it Wednesday pm after school but did not hand to parents or school the following morning.

Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	18/03/2022	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	MALE HAS ATTENDED SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE WHICH WAS SEIZED BY OFFICERS.
Harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5)	18/03/2022	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	MALE HAS ATTENDED SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE WHICH WAS SEIZED BY OFFICERS.
Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	10/10/2022	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Parent has contacted police after being informed by school that her son has been attacked with a blade, resulting in damage to his coat.
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school / further education premises	08/12/2022	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Male pupil has been found in possession of a knife in school which he used to threaten a teacher with.
Having an article with a blade or point on school / further education premises;	10/10/2023	School	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	Inft reporting that one of her students had come into school with a blade, the blade has been confiscated from him and is locked in the school.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/03/2024