



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 30/052025

2025/522 - Knife Crime Schools

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force:

1a) How many times have you responded to a malicious threat or intruder at a school where they have had to do a full lockdown in the years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a breakdown to the nature of the incident in reference to question 1a

2a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been found in possession of a knife or bladed articles in school and have been arrested for the following years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 2a

3a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been charged for possession of a knife or bladed article at a school for the following years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 3a

4a) How many violent assaults have you attended in schools for the following years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 4a

Crimes where a bladed weapon was used/found and location is listed School

Counts based on Suspect ID

Occurrences broken down by calendar year

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Arrested - Found in possession of knife or bladed article Suspect Age 16 and under			
Calendar Year	Suspect Count	Suspect Age	Suspect - Gender
2019	2	15	M
2020	1	14	F
2022	2	15	M
2024	1	13	F
2024	1	13	M

Charged - For possession of a knife or bladed article at a school (008/27 + 008/28 only) Suspect Age 16 and under			
Calendar Year	Suspect Count	Suspect Age	Suspect - Gender
2019	1	12	M
2019	1	15	M
2021	1	12	F
2022	0	14	F
2024	1	13	F

VAP Occurrences + Location Subtype as "School"
+ Arrival date/time recorded:

Incident Calendar Year	Arrived Count
2019	68
2020	40

2021	37
2022	50

Incident Calendar Year	Arrived count
2023	31
2024	25
2025	17

Although the location has been logged on our system as a particular school, it does not mean that every incident relates to that school. The information provided includes incidents reported at or in the vicinity of school premises, both during and outside school hours and will include crimes reported about members of the public who are in no way connected with the school. It includes incidents where it may be found after investigation that there was actually no crime committed. The classification afforded by North Wales Police is in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules, and consequently incidents may not actually be as serious as the classification title may suggest. It is therefore not a true reflection of the school, the pupils or the staff. Consequently, this data is not suitable to be used in the formulation of league tables as the data in the format provided is not necessarily comparable.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/05/2025