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Knife Crimes Derby City Youth Offending Service

Since 1st April 2017 there have been 73 knife crimes committed by young offenders open to Derby City Youth Offending Service

Table 1 below shows the number of offences committed each year and in the 2020/21 year the numbers up to 30th November 2020. Graph 1 clearly shows that the number of knife crimes committed each year has been decreasing over the four-year period despite a peak in the 2018/19 year.

Table 1 – Knife crimes per financial year

Year	Number of knife crimes
2017/18	18
2018/19	27
2019/20	19
2020/21	9

Table 2 below shows the number of knife crimes committed between April 2019 to November 2020, separated by month. Graph 2 graph shows that there are seven months during the period illustrated where no knife crimes were committed and that the knife crimes appear more prevalent in the Spring and Summer months.

Table 2 - Knife crimes committed per month April 2019 to November 2020

Month	Number of knife crimes 2019	Number of knife crimes 2020
January	-	0
February	-	0
March	-	3
April	5	0
May	3	0
June	1	3
July	2	4
August	1	0
September	2	1
October	1	1
November	1	0
December	0	-

Table 3 below shows the number of knife crimes committed in a public place between April 2019 to November 2020. Graph 3 shows a significant reduction in the most recent 4 months, that is consistent with the more general prevalence of knife crime in the Spring and Summer months.

Table 3 - Knife crimes committed in public places April 2019 to November 2020

Month	Number of knife crimes 2019	Number of knife crimes 2020
January	-	0
February	-	0
March	-	2
April	5	0
May	1	0
June	0	3
July	2	3
August	1	0
September	2	0
October	1	0
November	1	0
December	0	-

Table 4 below shows the number of knife crimes committed on school premises since April 2019. Graph 4 shows very low numbers of knife crimes committed on school premises during the 20 months illustrated.

Table 4 - Knife crimes committed on school premises April 2019 to November 2020

Month	Number of knife crimes 2019	Number of knife crimes 2020
January	-	0
February	-	0
March	-	1
April	0	0
May	2	0
June	1	0
July	0	1
August	0	0
September	0	1
October	0	1
November	0	0
December	0	-

Table 5 below shows actual offences committed each financial year since April 2017. Table 1 shows a reduction in the types of knife crimes committed with only two types of offences committed during the most recent financial year.

Table 5 - Actual offences committed each financial year since April 2017

OFFENCE	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Aid / abet the possession of an offensive weapon in a public place 3			1	
Aid abet a person to threaten with a blade / sharply pointed article in a public place 3			1	
Possess an offensive weapon in a public place 3		2	1	5
Possess article with blade / sharply pointed article on school premises 3	3	2	9	4
Possess knife blade / sharp pointed article in a public place 3	6	13	14	9
Possess offensive weapon on school premises 3		2		
Threaten a person with a blade / sharply pointed article in a public place 3			1	
Totals	9	19	27	18

Table 6 below shows the outcomes of the offences which gives some indication of the seriousness of the crimes. Table 2 shows that during the most recent financial year, three of the substantive outcomes were issued in Court (Court Order Disposals) and the other six were issued through the Out of Court Disposals Clinic (Pre-Court Disposals). This can be interpreted as an illustration that the majority of knife crimes dealt with in the Court or OOCDC were of at the lower end of seriousness and thereby qualified for a Pre-Court disposal (67% in this instance). Furthermore, only one of the knifer crimes dealt with in the most recent financial year was so serious that it warranted a custodial sentence (Detention and Training Order).

Table 6 - Outcomes of knife crime offences

OUTCOME	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Detention + Training Order (Custody)	1	1	3	1
Detention and Training Order				1
Section 91 Order			1	
Youth Rehabilitation Order		2	2	1
Referral Order + Additions	1	2		
Referral Order	1	6	13	6
Suspended Sentence			1	
Youth Conditional Caution	3	4	4	6
Youth Caution				2
Youth Restorative Disposal	1	3	2	1
Deferred Other Referral	2	1	1	