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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 949/24 – Knife Offences carried out by 10 – 17 year olds

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24th October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to know how many knife-related offences were carried out by 10-17 year olds as well as how many were charged with the offence separately in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 so far.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided below has been extracted from crime reports for the date period 01/01/2022 – 31/10/2024 relating to offences which involved the possession of bladed article offences, including 'threat' offences. Crimes were filtered for age 10-17 using date of birth and crime committed date. Please note that both these dates are manually entered by the reporting officer and therefore may not be wholly accurate.

Table below relates to the number of crimes recorded for knife related offences carried out by 10 -17 year olds.

	Year			
	2022	2023	2024	Total
Distinct Count of Crimes	55	72	63	190



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Table relates to the number of individual suspect/ offenders aged 10-17 with knife related offences between 01/01/2022 - 31/10/2024

Count of Crime Number Offence	Year 2022	2023	2024	Total
Possession of Article with Blade or Point				
Having An Article With A Blade Or Point In A Public Place	18	22	21	61
Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises	7	7	6	20
Threaten a person with an article in a private place	12	20	21	53
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place.	18	23	18	59
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises.	3	3	2	8
Total	58	75	68	201

Table shows the number of positive outcomes for offenders aged between 10 -17

Count of Crimes Offence	Year 2022	2023	2024	Total
Possession of Article with Blade or Point				
Caution - youths	9	11	2	22
Charge/summons	6	18	6	30
Community resolution	9	9	9	27
Grand Total	24	38	17	79

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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