

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

The number of reports of the "offence of having article with blade or point on school premises" where the suspect was under 18.

Please provide figures for the following academic years (1 September to 31 July), broken down by age of suspect and local authority area.

2012/13
2013/14
2014/15
2015/16
2016/17
2017/18

Table 1

The number of offences of 'having article with blade or point on school premises' (Home Office Code 8/27) for each academic year where the defendant or suspect is under the age of 18

Academic Year	Count
2012-2013	23
2013-2014	21
2014-2015	39
2015-2016	79
2016-2017	111
2017-2018	102
Grand Total	375

Table 2

The number of offences listed in table 1 broken down by age

Age	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Grand Total
8	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
9	-	-	1	-	2	2	5
10	-	-	-	6	3	4	13
11	-	3	1	7	11	7	29
12	6	2	4	14	16	18	60
13	4	2	11	13	20	19	69
14	5	5	11	15	21	23	80
15	6	5	6	21	21	17	76
16	2	3	2	3	13	5	28
17	-	1	3	-	3	6	13
Grand Total	23	21	39	79	111	102	375

Table 3

The number of offences listed in table 1 broken down by Neighbourhood Policing Unit

NPU	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Grand Total
Birmingham East	7	5	7	36	33	22	110
Birmingham West	3	6	9	20	35	34	107
Coventry	1	2	3	5	9	11	31
Dudley	2	1	1	4	4	3	15
Solihull	-	-	4	1	6	5	16
Sandwell	1	4	2	2	11	12	32
Walsall	5	2	2	7	6	9	31
Wolverhampton	4	1	11	4	7	6	33
Grand Total	23	21	39	79	111	102	375