

Lewis Wenman

Lewis Wenman was tragically murdered at the age of 17 in Milton Keynes in 2020. It was just another tragic death as a result of rising knife crime. He was stabbed by a boy of 16. There are never any winners in these situations, it negatively impacts so many people. This includes family members of both the victim and perpetrator.

Knife crime is increasing and yet why. What does anyone gain out of it. In this film we want to give you some stats about knife crime and then we will show you a short film that we made.

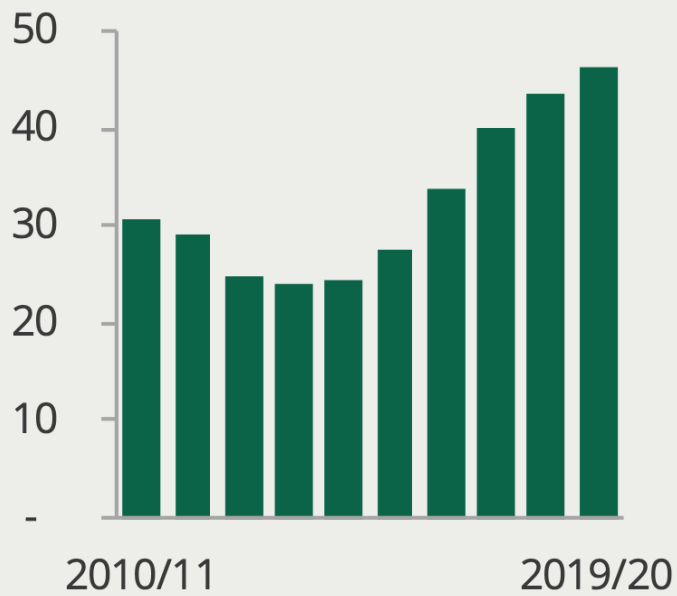
“Knife” crime, crime involving an object with a blade or sharp instrument, is a persistent and an increasingly worrying problem, especially as it impacts particularly upon young people and the disadvantaged. Knife crime is at its highest recorded level in the past 10 years.

In the year ending March 2020, there were around 46,000 offences involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales. This is the highest number of offences since the year ending March 2011, the earliest point at which comparable data are available.¹

Homicide

In the year ending March 2019 there were 259 *homicides* (currently recorded) using a sharp instrument, including knives and broken bottles, accounting for 39% of all homicides – a decrease from the 285 recorded in the year ending March 2018.³

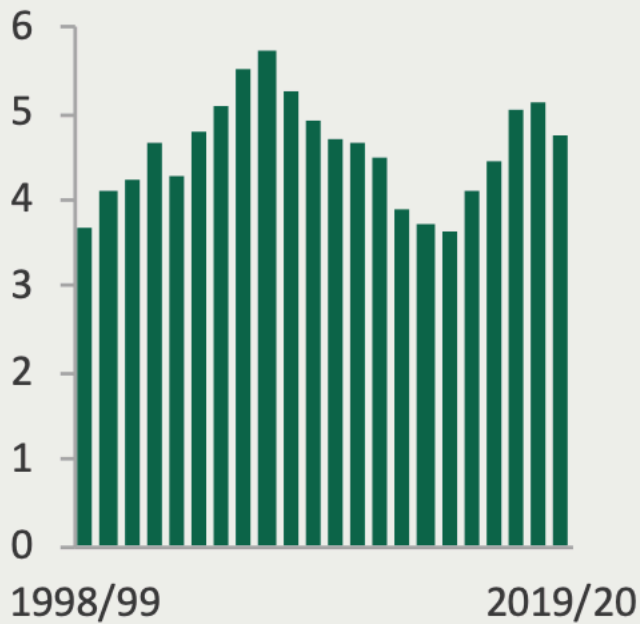
Knife crime at highest recorded level in past 10 years (000s)



Hospital admissions

There were 4,757 finished consultant episodes (FCE) recorded in English hospitals in 2019/20 due to assault by a sharp object. This was a decrease of nearly 8% compared to 2018/19 and 31% higher than in 2014/15.

Hospital episodes since 1998/99 (000s)



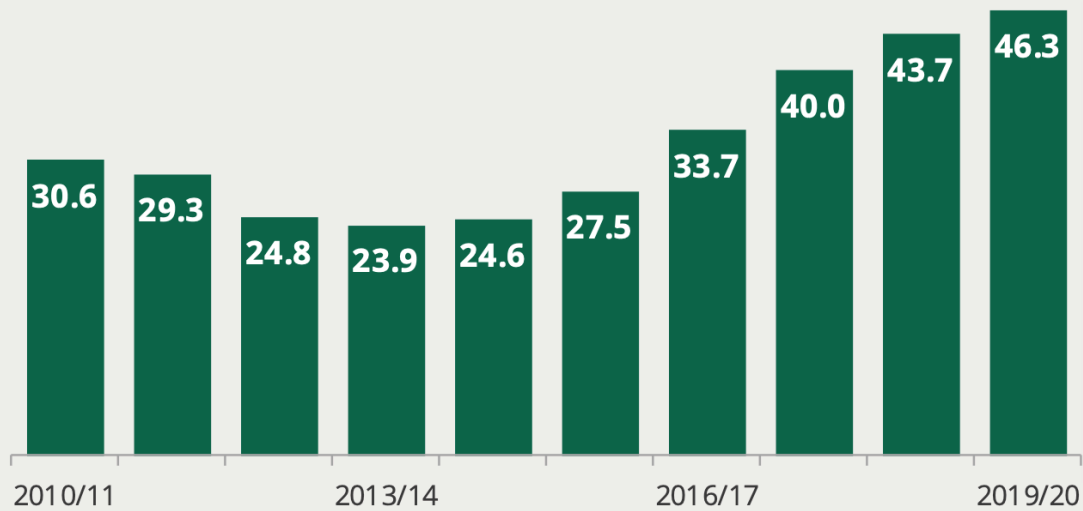
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The main offences involving a knife or sharp instrument recorded in the year ending March 2020 were assault with injury and intent to cause serious harm (43.9%) and robbery (43.6%).

Since 2010/11, the total number of selected offences involving a knife or sharp instrument has increased by 51%; the number of threats to kill using knives or sharp objects has more than tripled (increasing by 225%); sexual assaults and rape offences increased by 128% and 101% respectively.

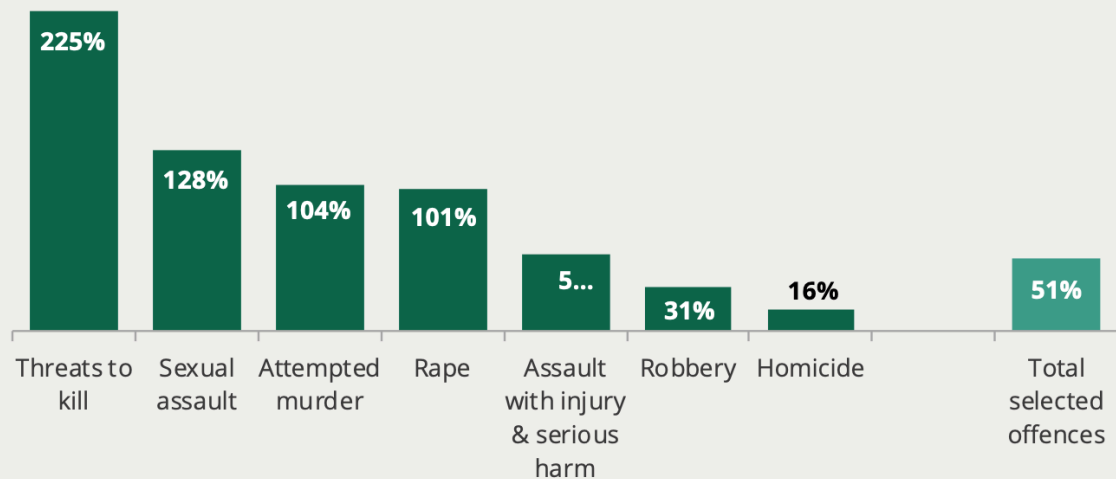
1. Selected offences involving a knife or sharp instrument

Year ending March, England and Wales, excluding Greater Manchester (000's)



2.1A Selected offences involving a knife or sharp instrument

Percentage increase by category, England and Wales 2010/11- 2019/20 (excluding GMP)



Data from the House of Commons Library Number SN4304 October 2020

I think we can all agree that Knives aren't cool, they hurt and/or kill many people every year, and make things worse for everyone not better, and make our streets feel unsafe.

Neither can you claim that you carry a knife for self defence as they are not a good self defence tool.

As we said at the start. Knife crime is increasing which is tragic. What does anyone gain out of it? We will show you a short film that we made. that shows you, in one case, how devastating the effects of knife crime are.

Remember

Knives Ruin Lives