

FOIA - 812/19 - Offensive Weapons

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information Request to Northumbria Police. Please would you be able to provide me with the following information for the last year (2018) and the subsequent years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017). If you have any figures for this year (2019) please could I also have those figures.

1. The number of children who have been caught carrying offensive weapons in Sunderland.

Year	Count
2014	39
2015	39
2016	35
2017	12
2018	22
2019	17
Total	164

2. The types of weapons they were found to be carrying.

Offensive weapon	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Air Weapon	2	4	1	1			8
Air Weapon Pellet		1					1
Axe						1	1
Axe Handle	1						1
Baseball Bat		3	6				9
Baton				1	2		3
Bb Gun	3	1					4
Bb Gun Pellet				1			1
Blade						1	1
Blade Bladed Instrument Knife	2						2
Blade Knife						3	3
Broken Glass		1		1			2
Compass	1	1			1		3
Compass Sharp Instrument					1		1
Craft Knife	2	1					3
Firearm			2				2
Flick Knife	1						1
Glass		1	3				4
Glass Bottle	1	3			1		5
Hammer		4					4
Hammer Knife			6				6
Iron Bar	1						1
Kitchen Knife	6	5	5	1		3	20
Knife	9	6	5	3	4	6	33
Knife Scissors						3	3
Knuckleduster	2	1		3	5		11
Lock Knife	1	1					2
Machete	3	1			6		10
Meat Cleaver					2		2
Metal Pole	2		2	1			5
Penknife		1					1
Scissors	1						1
Sharp Instrument		1			1		2
Stanley Knife	1	3	4				8
Sword			1				1
Total	39	39	35	12	22	17	164

3. The locations where children were found to have an offensive weapon on them. e.g. school, shop, park, etc.

Location	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Bridge		1					1
Bus		1			1		2
Bus Station					2		2
Car Park/Supermarket	1						1
College						1	1
Communal Area/Care Home		1					1
Dwelling	6	9	7	4	8	6	40
Field		2					2
Grass Verge	1						1

Home Childrens	2						2
Nightclub	1						1
Park	2	5				3	10
Police Station					1		1
Public House			3				3
Quarry			1				1
School Premises	5	5	2			1	13
Shop	2	2					4
Shopping Centre			2				2
Skate Park	1						1
Street	18	13	20	8	10	6	75
Total	39	39	35	12	22	17	164

4. The ages and genders of the children who were found with offensive weapon and whether they were charged.

Age group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
<u>Charged - Yes</u>							
Female	1	3	1				5
13 to 15	1	1					2
16 to 18		2	1				3
Male	21	13	18	1	12	8	73
13 to 15	6	7			3	6	22
16 to 18	15	6	18	1	9	2	51
<u>Charged - No</u>							
Female	1	3	3		1		8
10 to 12			1				1
13 to 15		3	2				5
16 to 18	1				1		2
Male	16	20	13	11	9	9	78
10 to 12	3	3	2	2	2		12
13 to 15	9	13	7	3	5	4	41
16 to 18	4	4	4	6	2	5	25
Total	39	39	35	12	22	17	164

If possible could the response be shown so that for each year it says the number of children with a weapon, then the types of weapons, the locations found and the age range of children.

Weapon/Location/Age group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Air Weapon	2	4	1	1			8
Field							
16 To 18		1					1
School Premises							
16 To 18		1					1
Street							
13 To 15		2	1	1			4
16 To 18	2						2
Air Weapon Pellet		1					1
Field							
13 To 15		1					1
Axe						1	1
Street							
16 To 18						1	1
Axe Handle	1						1
Street							
13 To 15	1						1
Baseball Bat		3	6				9
Dwelling							
13 To 15		2					2
Street							
10 To 12			1				1
13 To 15			4				4
16 To 18		1	1				2
Baton				1	2		3
Bus Station							
13 To 15					2		2
Street							
16 To 18				1			1
Bb Gun	3	1					4
Home Childrens							
16 To 18	1						1
Skate Park							
10 To 12	1						1
Street							
13 To 15	1	1					2

Bb Gun Pellet				1		1
Dwelling						
10 To 12				1		1
Blade					1	1
School Premises						
13 To 15					1	1
Blade Bladed Instrument K	2					2
Dwelling						
16 To 18	2					2
Blade Knife					3	3
Park						
13 To 15					3	3
Broken Glass		1		1		2
Bridge						
16 To 18		1				1
Dwelling						
16 To 18				1		1
Compass	1	1				2
Bus						
10 To 12		1				1
School Premises						
13 To 15	1					1
Compass Sharp Instrumen					1	1
Bus						
10 To 12					1	1
Craft Knife	2	1				3
School Premises						
13 To 15		1				1
Shop						
13 To 15	1					1
Street						
13 To 15	1					1
Firearm			2			2
Street						
16 To 18			2			2
Flick Knife	1					1
Street						
16 To 18	1					1
Glass		1	3			4
Communal Area/Care Hor						
16 To 18		1				1
Public House						
16 To 18			3			3
Glass Bottle	1	3			1	5
Dwelling						
16 To 18		1				1
School Premises						
13 To 15		2				2
Street						
13 To 15					1	1
16 To 18	1					1
Hammer		4				4
Dwelling						
13 To 15		4				4
Hammer Knife			6			6
Street						
16 To 18			6			6
Iron Bar	1					1
Street						
13 To 15	1					1
Kitchen Knife	6	5	5	1	3	20
Car Park/Supermarket						
13 To 15	1					1
Dwelling						
13 To 15			1		3	4
16 To 18			1			1
Home Childrens						
16 To 18	1					1
Park						
13 To 15		2				2
School Premises						
13 To 15	1		1			2
Shop						
16 To 18		2				2
Street						

13 To 15	1						1
16 To 18	2	1	2	1			6
Knife	9	6	5	3	4	6	33
Dwelling							
10 To 12			1	1	1		3
13 To 15		2			1	1	4
16 To 18	1			1		2	4
Grass Verge							
16 To 18	1						1
Nightclub							
16 To 18	1						1
Quarry							
10 To 12			1				1
School Premises							
13 To 15	1		1				2
Street							
10 To 12		1					1
13 To 15	3	3	1			1	8
16 To 18	2		1	1	2	2	8
Knife Scissors						3	3
College							
13 To 15						1	1
Street							
16 To 18						2	2
Knuckleduster	2	1		3	5		11
Police Station							
13 To 15					1		1
Street							
13 To 15	2	1		2	3		8
16 To 18				1	1		2
Lock Knife	1	1					2
School Premises							
10 To 12	1						1
Street							
16 To 18		1					1
Machete	3	1			6		10
Dwelling							
16 To 18	3				4		7
Street							
16 To 18		1			2		3
Meat Cleaver					2		2
Dwelling							
16 To 18					2		2
Metal Pole	2		2	1			5
Park							
13 To 15	1						1
School Premises							
16 To 18	1						1
Shopping Centre							
16 To 18			2				2
Street							
16 To 18				1			1
Penknife		1					1
School Premises							
10 To 12		1					1
Scissors	1						1
Shop							
16 To 18	1						1
Sharp Instrument		1			1		2
Street							
13 To 15		1					1
16 To 18					1		1
Stanley Knife	1	3	4				8
Dwelling							
16 To 18			4				4
Park							
10 To 12	1						1
13 To 15		2					2
16 To 18		1					1
Sword			1				1
Street							
16 To 18			1				1
Total	39	39	35	12	22	17	164