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Dear Lord Field,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking what are the latest available data on youth deaths by stabbing in London, Birmingham, Coventry, Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle in each of the last five years (**HL5661**).

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes homicide figures where the method of killing was by a knife or sharp instrument sourced from the Home Office Homicide Index, which is a database separate from the main police recorded crime dataset. It contains detailed record-level information about each homicide recorded by the police in England and Wales. It is continually updated with revised information from the police and courts and, as such, is a richer source of data than the main police recorded crime dataset.

We do not hold data on homicide by knife or sharp instrument by age below the national level. However, we have provided the estimates for the previous five years for England and Wales in Table 1. These data were published alongside *Homicide in England and Wales*, year ending March 2020<sup>1</sup>. This article will be updated on 10 February 2022 to include data for the year ending March 2021.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Sir Ian Diamond**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/articles/homicideinenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2020>

**Table 1: Offences<sup>2</sup> currently recorded as homicide<sup>3</sup> by a sharp instrument, by age<sup>4</sup>, year ending March 2016 to year ending March 2020**

	Apr' 15 to Mar' 16	Apr' 16 to Mar' 17	Apr' 17 to Mar' 18	Apr' 18 to Mar' 19	Apr' 19 to Mar' 20
<b>Number of victims</b>					
Total	<b>212</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>275</b>
Under 16	9	6	6	7	10
16-17	11	10	14	17	13
18-24	38	51	81	61	78

Source: Home Office-  
Homicide Index

<sup>2</sup> As at 15 December 2020; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.

<sup>3</sup> Home Office statisticians and Police Forces have undertaken a review of all historical homicide data to update court outcomes and suspect data, this means totals shown in this table will not match previously published figures.

<sup>4</sup> The age categories that have been used in this table are supplied by the Home Office.