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Dear Joanne

Please find below our responses to the requests you made following the Committee meeting on 26 March:

- **The number of officers who are working on Operation Fairbank**

There are forty officers working on Op Fairbank.

- **Data relating to homicide, serious youth violence and knife crime from January 2014**

Please see the attached report. In addition to Homicide and Knife Crime data, we have included information on Gun Crime rather than Serious Youth Violence (SYV). SYV is not an official Home Office classification. As a combination of robbery and violence offences it can be useful as a geographic representation of offending but is not reliable for year on year comparisons; if there was an increase in robbery offences and a decrease in other areas of violence, then SYV levels would remain the same but mask the underlying issues. For gang violence, Knife Injury victims under 25 (non-DA) is more representative of weapon enabled offending than SYV and also a more focussed measure. Gun discharge data is included as it is used as a proxy measure for gang crime.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig Mackey'.

Craig Mackey
Deputy Commissioner



**Homicide (& Teen Homicide), Knife Crime, Knife Injury Victims under 25,
Gun Crime and Gun Discharge Offences
Recorded Between 01/04/2012 and 31/03/2015**

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Summary	Homicide, Knife Crime, Knife Injury Victims under 25, Gun Crime and Gun Discharge Offences for the last 3 financial years
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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: CRIS & MetMIS

Date Live data was extracted: 01/05/2015

The data in this report reflects **live data** which may be subject to small changes over time

Need to request some more data?

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Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime 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 crime 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.



Notes

The data represents confirmed offences or victim counts, recorded in the period 01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015

Homicide and Teen Homicide data was extracted from the CRIS database

Knife Crime Definition

MPS Knife Crime aligns with the former Home Office (APACS) guidance and is a measure identifying offences that satisfy both of the following

1. The offence is a confirmed classification relating to one of the following Home Office Offence Groupings (CrimSec Codes):

- o Murder (1)
- o Attempted murder (2)
- o Threats to kill (3B)
- o Manslaughter (4/1)
- o Infanticide (4/2)
- o Wounding or carrying out an act endangering life (5A*)
- o Wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent (8F* & 8H*)
- o Actual Bodily Harm (8G* & 8J*)
- o Sexual assault (17 & 20)
- o Rape (19)
- o Robbery (34A & 34B)

2. A feature code identifying weapon usage (countable as knife crime) has been added to the crime report.

* Please note that as of April 2012, the CrimSec codes of 5A, 8F, 8G, 8H, and 8J no longer exist, and have been superseded by codes 5D, 5E, 8N and 8P. However, these new CrimSec codes also include other HO Offence Codes not included in the original definition of Knife Crime, and so cannot be used to identify valid offences of Knife Crime. For this reason, a list of valid HO Offence Codes relating to Knife Crime is given in the Appendix to this document - it is advised that this list is used rather than the CrimSec Codes.

Gun Crime in line with the APACS is defined by:

A firearm is defined as a weapon covered by Firearms Acts 1968 to 1988.

Gun Crime is identified by offences that satisfy either of the two following criteria:

1. The offence falls within the four Major offence categories of: Violence Against the Person, Sexual Offences, Robbery, and Burglary,

AND

A feature code identifying a firearm usage has been added to the crime report

AND

The firearm used is not CS gas or pepper spray.

OR

2. The offence is one of Possession of Firearms with Intent, where the firearm involved is not CS gas or pepper spray.

Knife Crime, Knife Injury Victims under 25, Gun Crime and Gun Discharges data was extracted from the MetMIS database

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

MPS Recorded Crimes by Financial Year and January to March

Crime Measure	Financial Year			January to March		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	110	112	100	24	26	35
Teen homicide	10	11	16	3	2	5
Knife Crime Offences	11,372	10,074	9,680	2,680	2,348	2,521
Knife Injury Victims Aged 1-24 (Non-DV) *	1,381	1,345	1,630	314	327	397
Gun Crime Offences	1,929	1,635	1,668	487	386	435
Gun Discharge Offences	401	307	335	69	63	79

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