

The Numbers, the Crimes, and the Children and Young People Known to be Affected

Knife Crime – A Discussion Event for Coram Staff and Supporters

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CRIME CRISIS CONTINUES Killings rise to highest in ten years and knife crime soars to seven year high as **Britain's crime epidemic continues**

Fresh figures out today shows another shocking increase in the number of crimes reported to the police

CRIME COUNT London stabbings 2019 – latest knife crime statistics and attacks

2018 was London's bloodiest year in almost a decade as the number of homicides reached 135

Sadiq Khan and crime commissioners tie knife crime to school exclusion

BOBBIES CAN BEAT BLADES More police on patrol is the only way to beat soaring knife crime after 45 deaths this year, cops warn

Structure

All Ages

- Homicides
- Injuries- hospital data
- Geography
- Link to policing levels?

Young People

- Injuries- hospital data
- Who is convicted of knife possession?
- Link to exclusions?

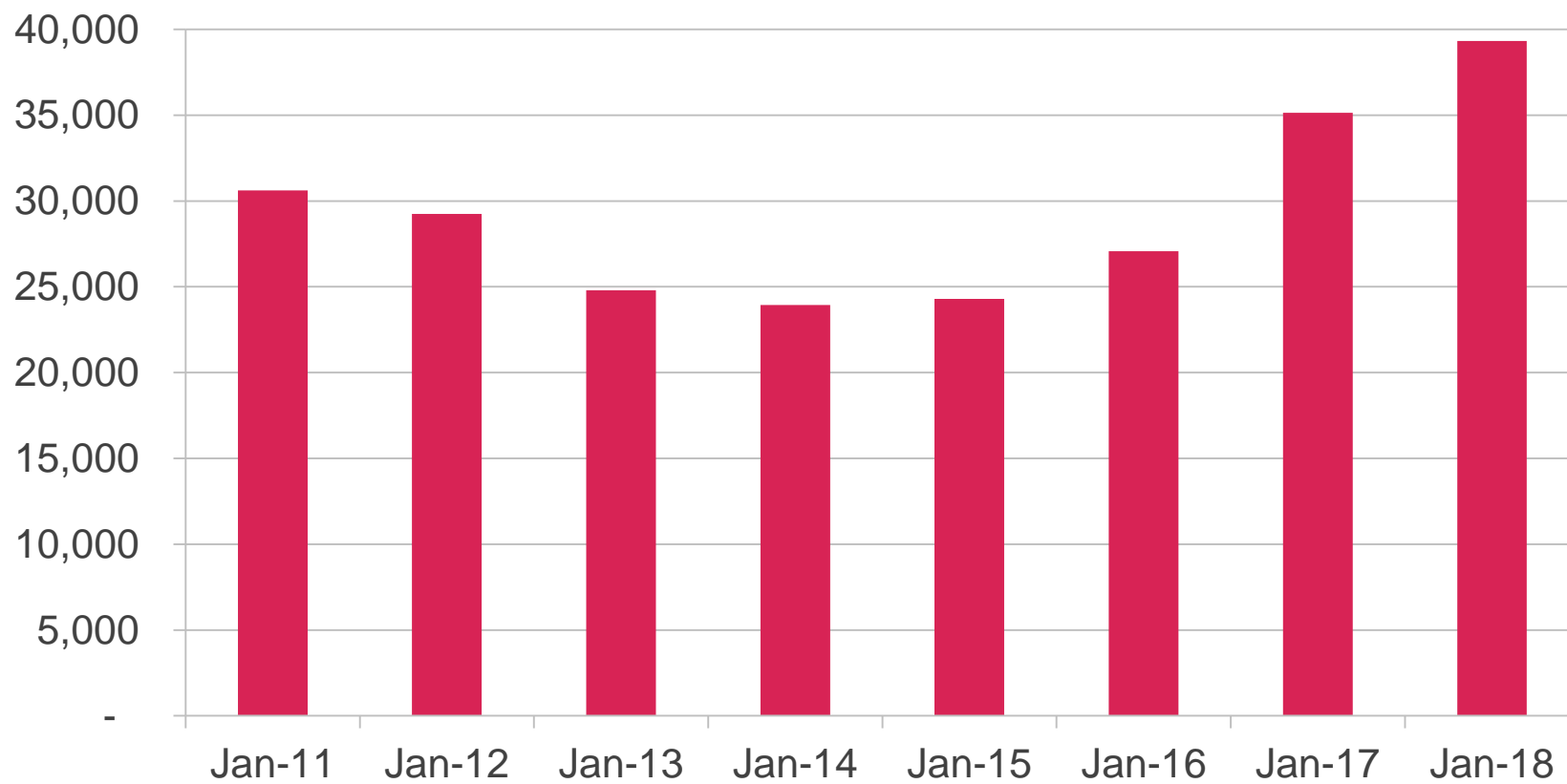
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Knife Crime overall

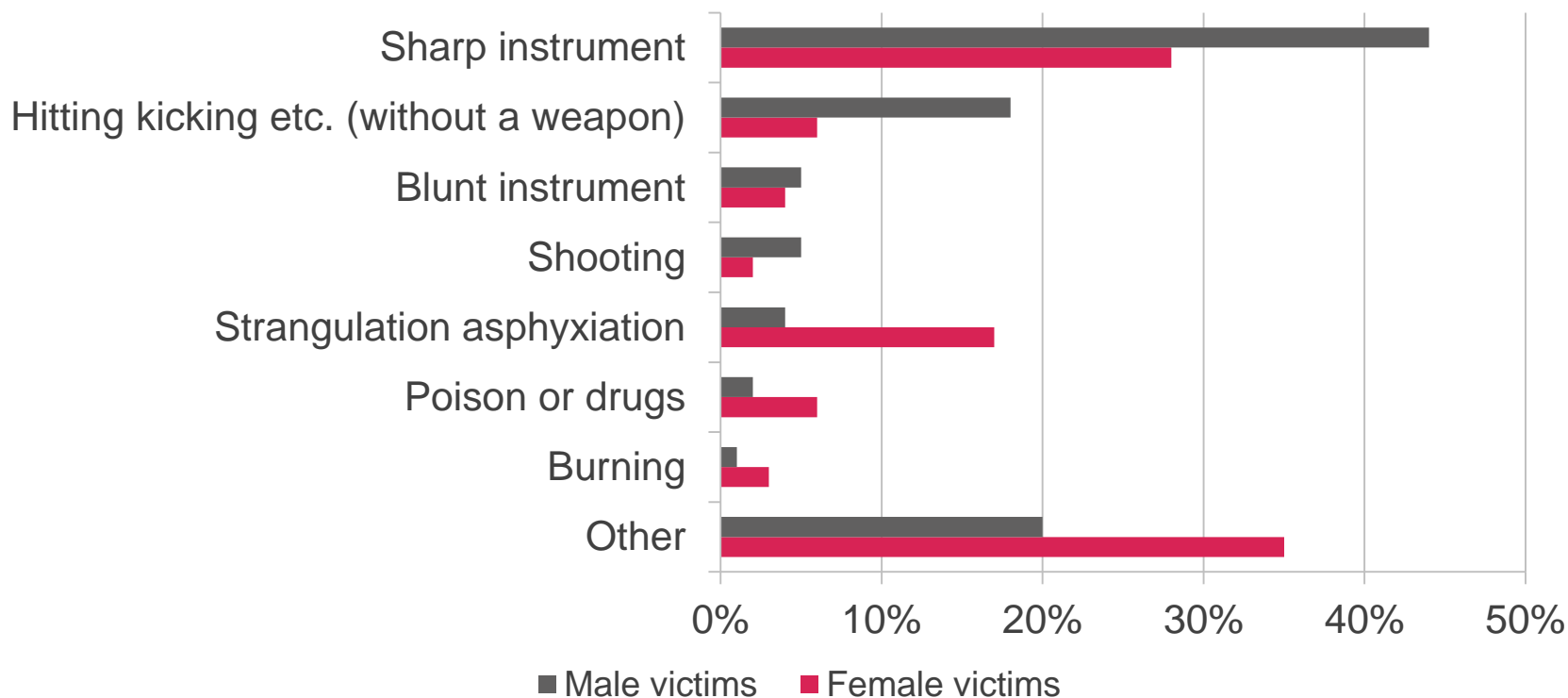
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There has been a continued rise in **offences** involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales*, 2011-2018



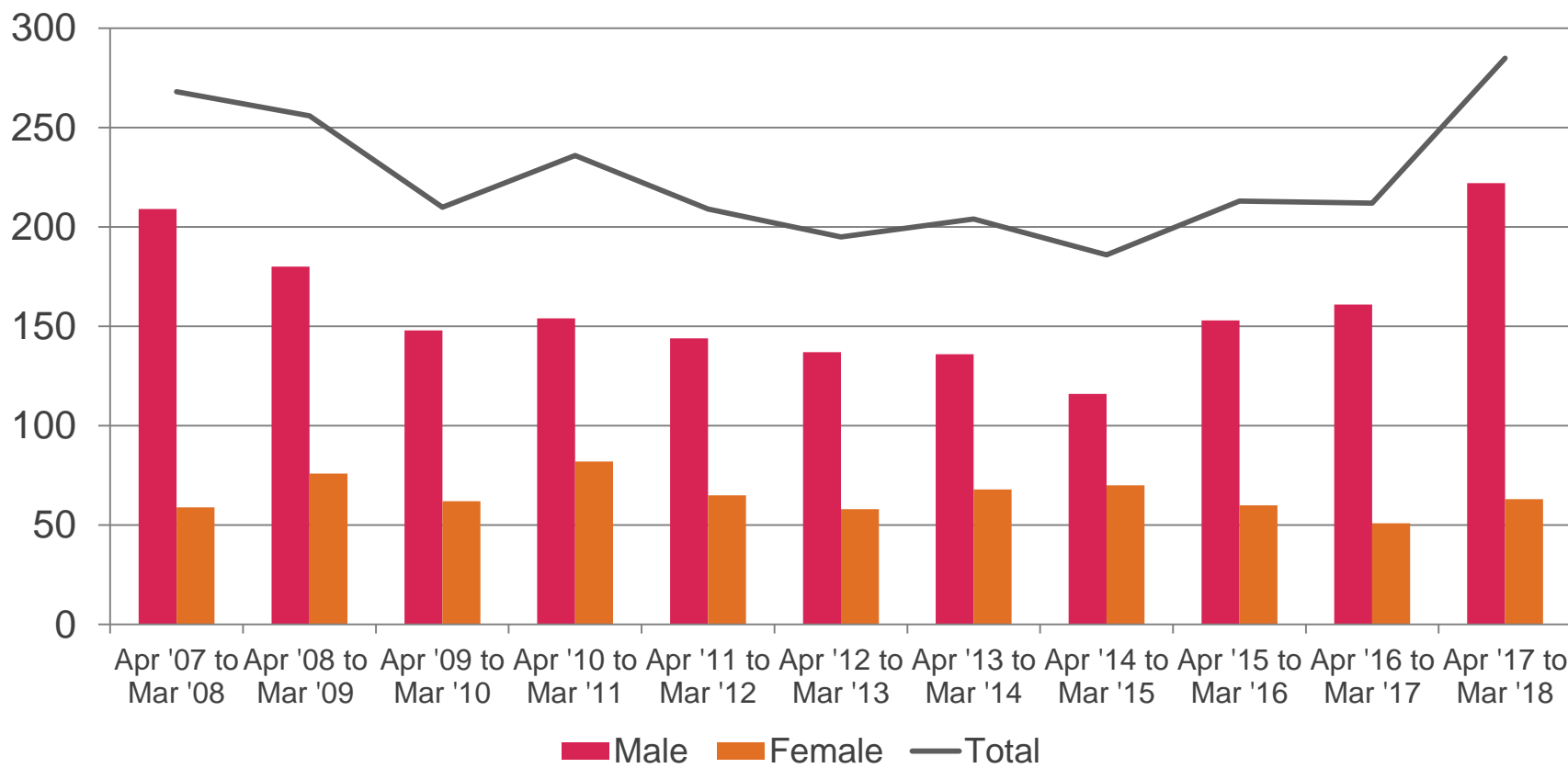
Use of a knife or other sharp instrument was the most common method of killing in **homicide offences**

England and Wales, year ending March 2018

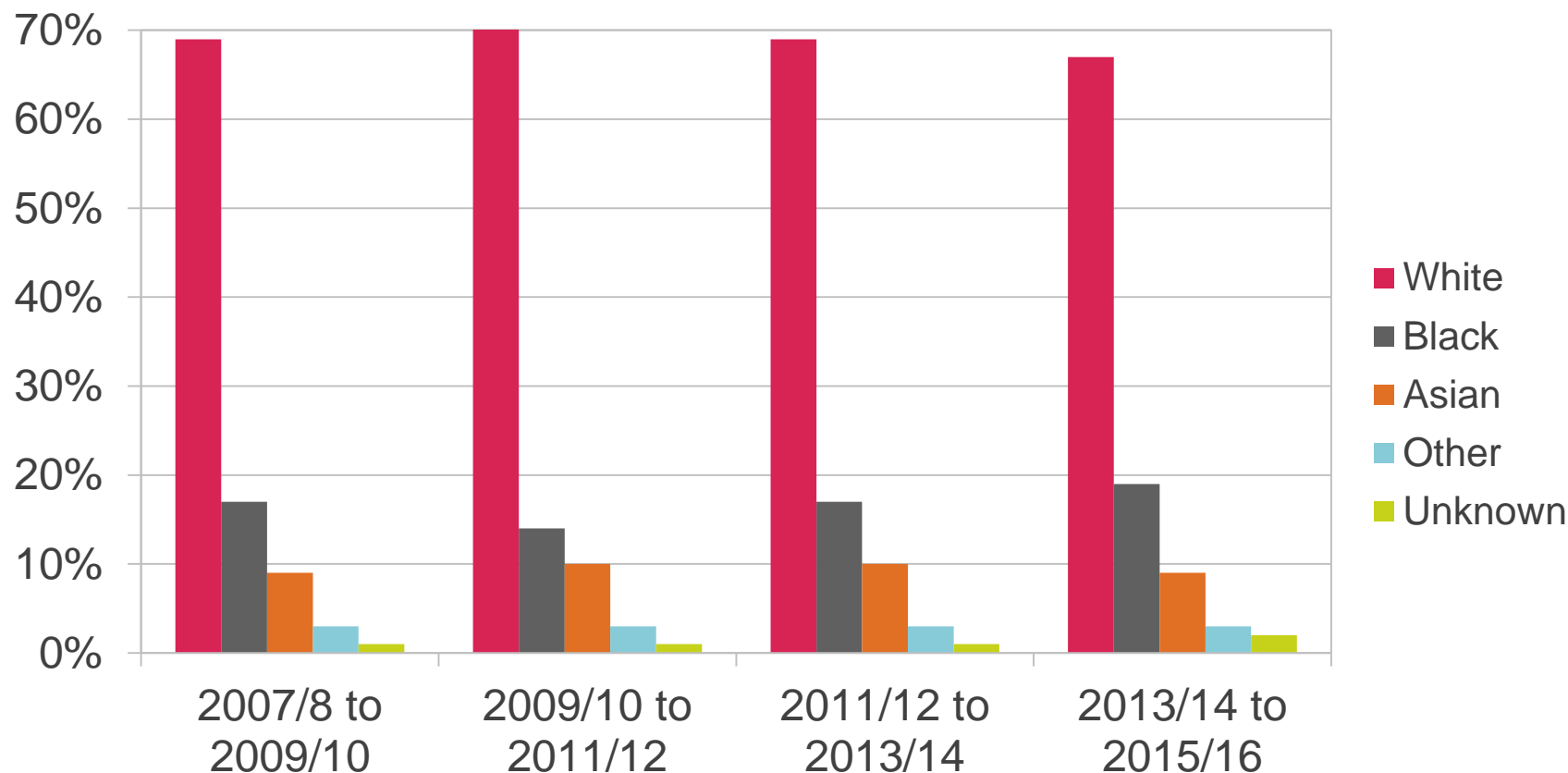


Male victims: 499 offences. Female victims: 227 offences
Source: Home Office (Homicide Index)

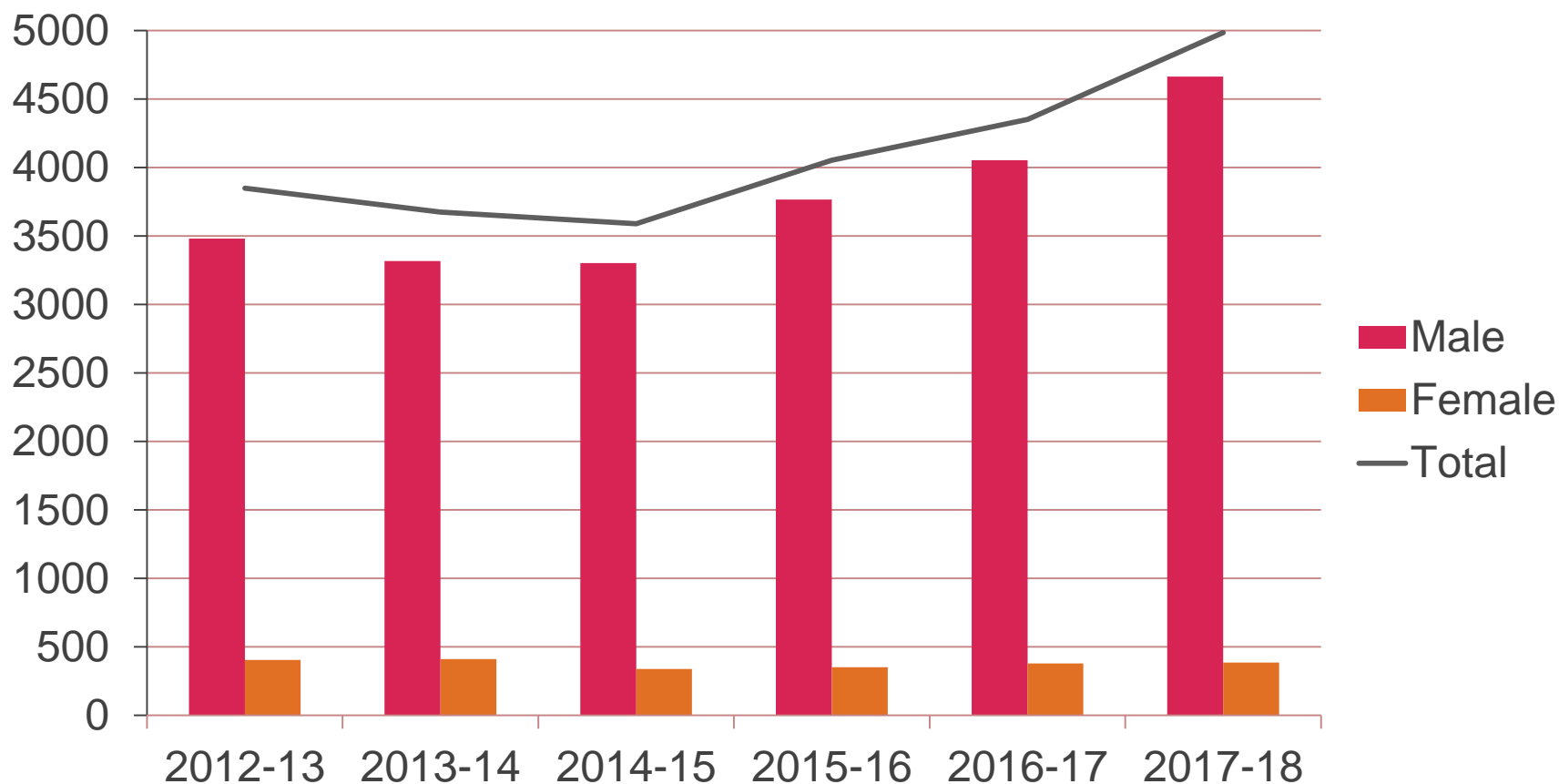
Numbers of offences currently recorded as **homicide**, by sharp instrument and sex of victim



Sharp instrument killing of **homicide** victims by ethnic appearance of victim

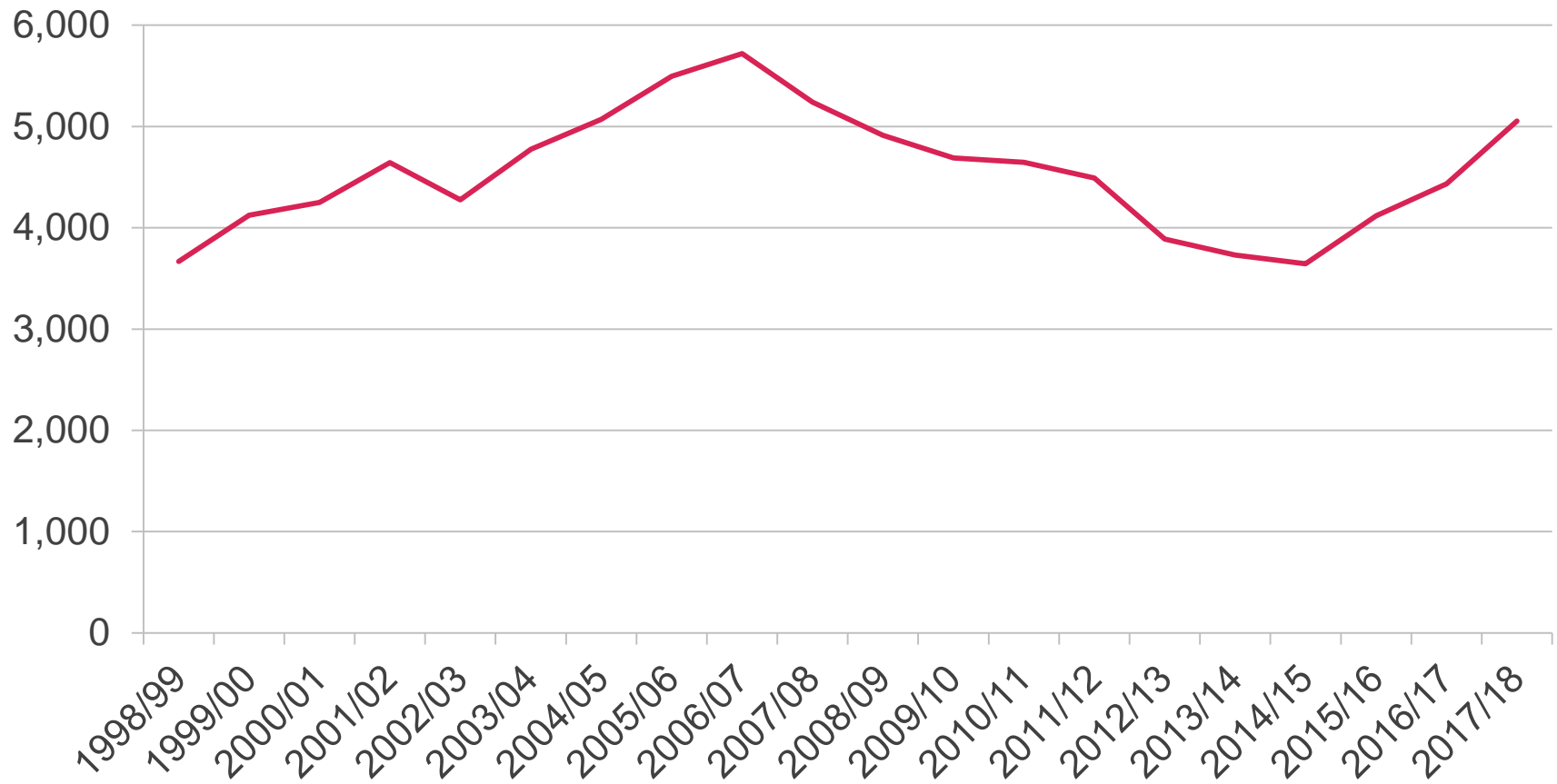


Hospital admissions over this period for assault by sharp object supports this...



Source: NHS Digital (Hospital Episodes Statistics)

Consultant episodes over the longer term

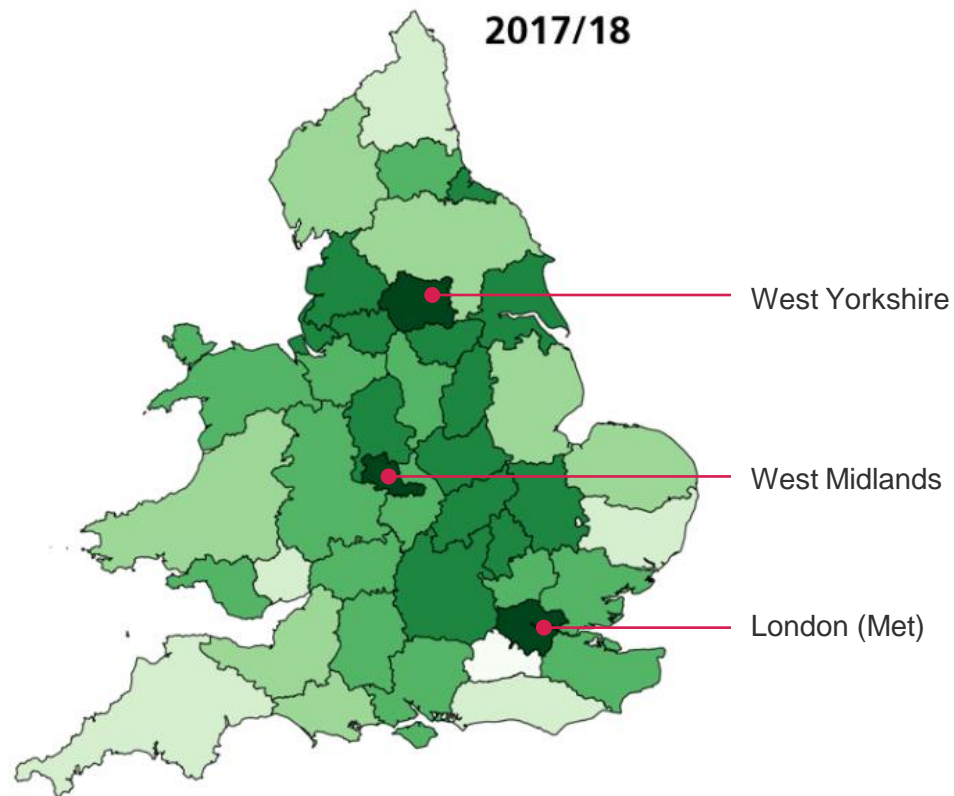
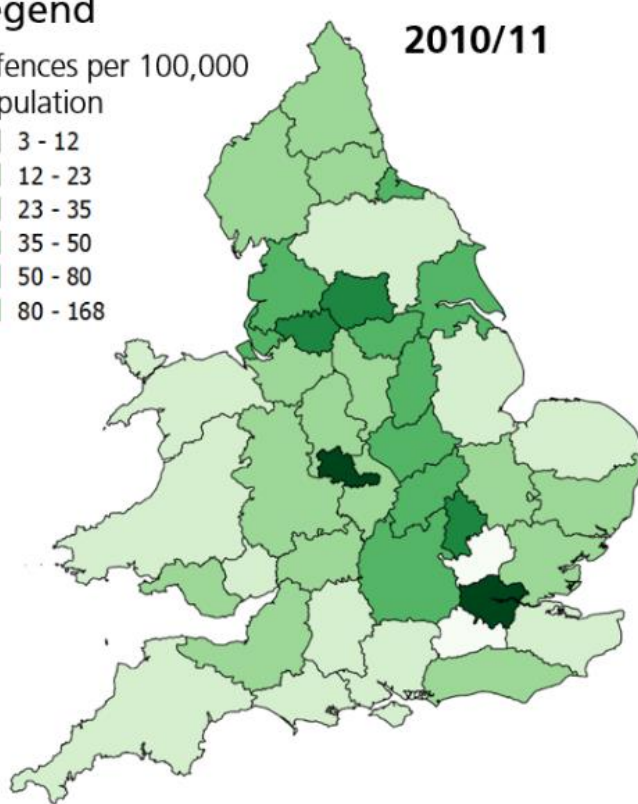
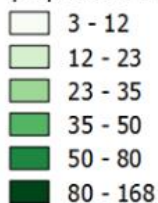


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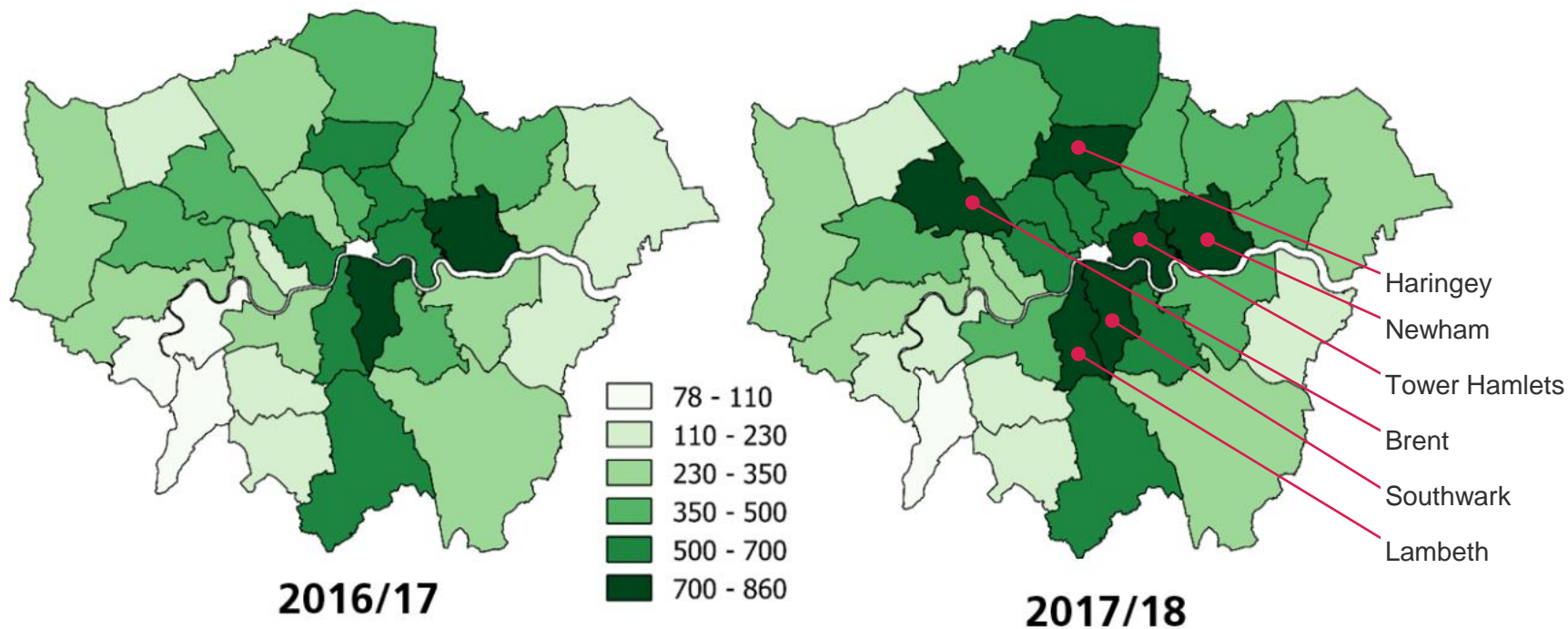
Geographic spread of knife and sharp instrument offences recorded by the police

Legend

Offences per 100,000
population



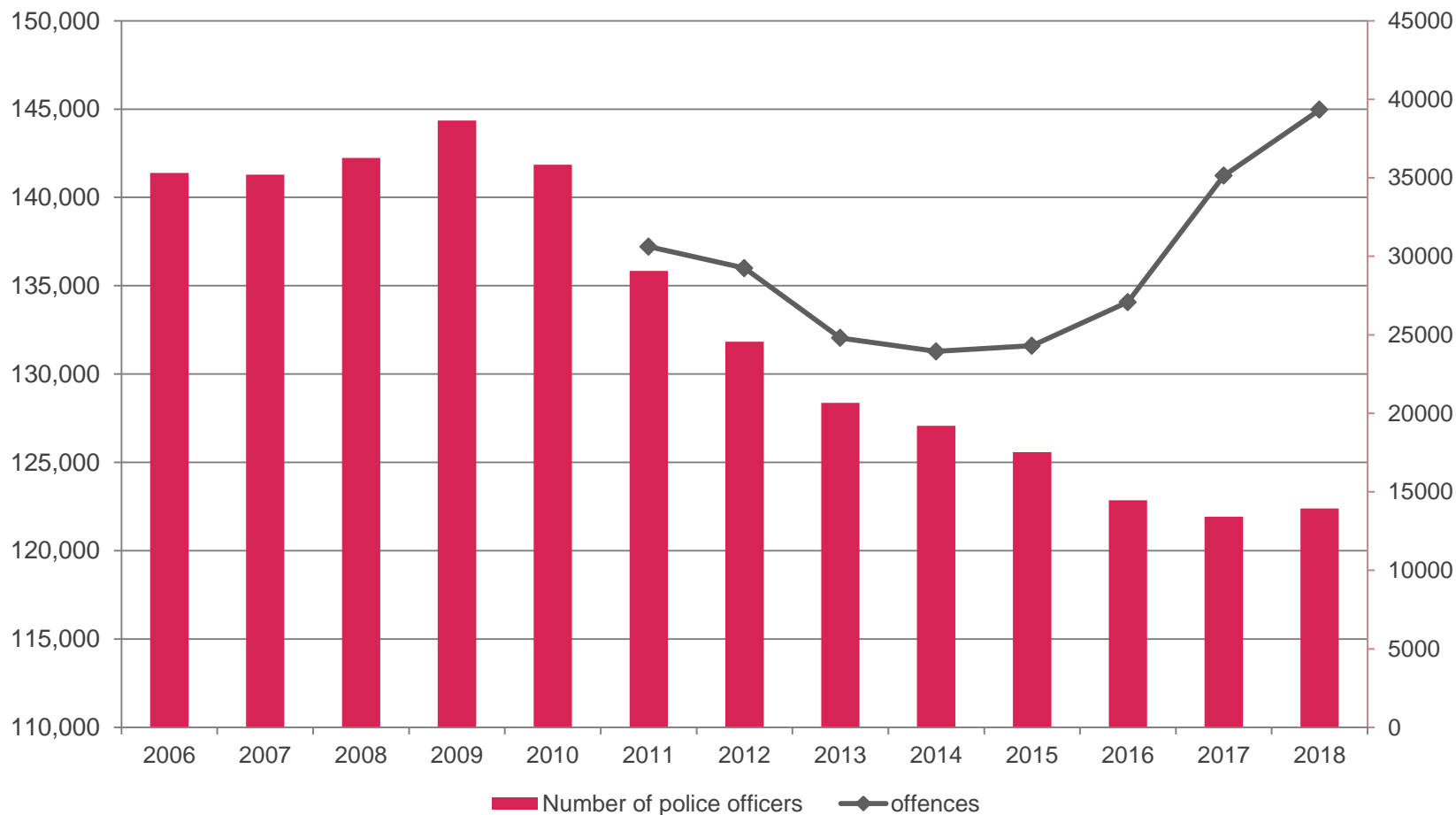
Number of knife/sharp instrument offences by London borough



Policing and Knife Crime

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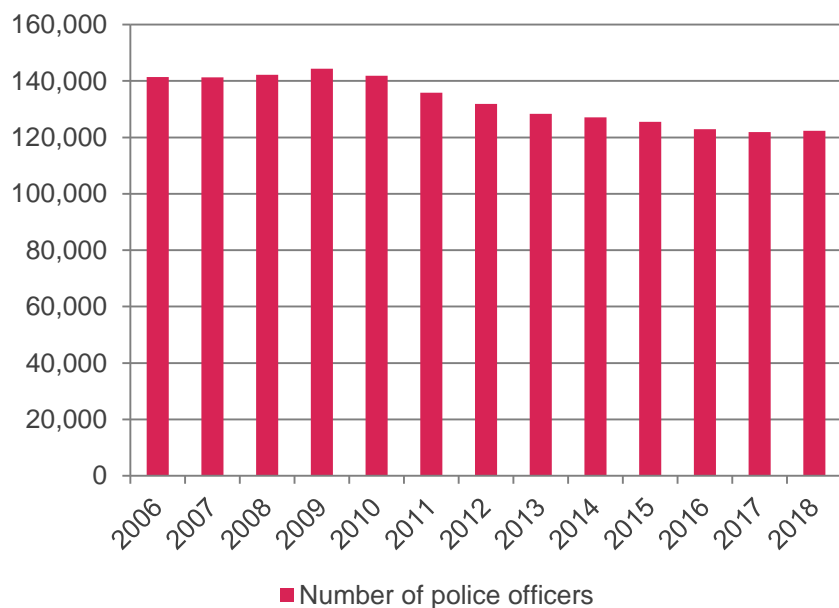
Number of police officers in England and Wales and knife crime offences



Source: Home Office (Police Workforce) and ONS (Crime Survey for England and Wales)

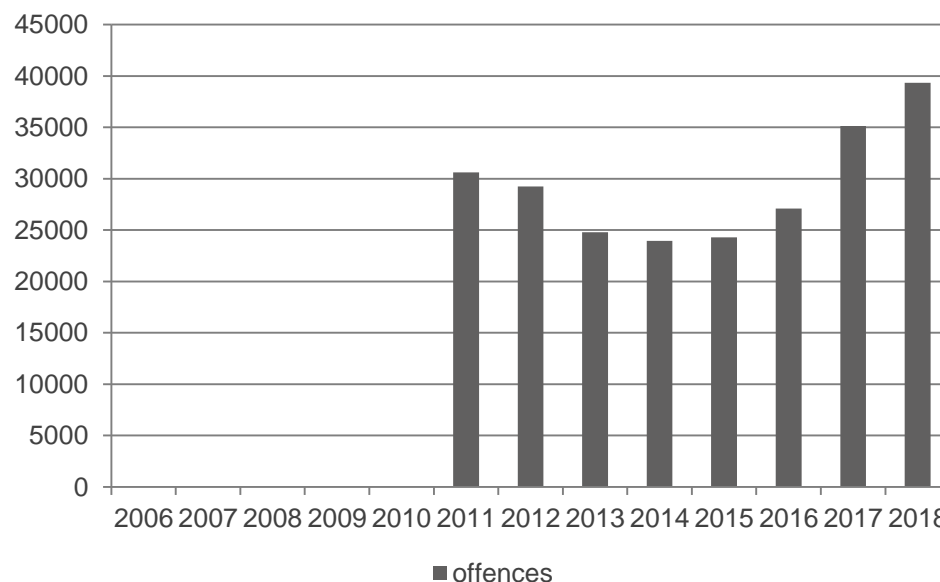
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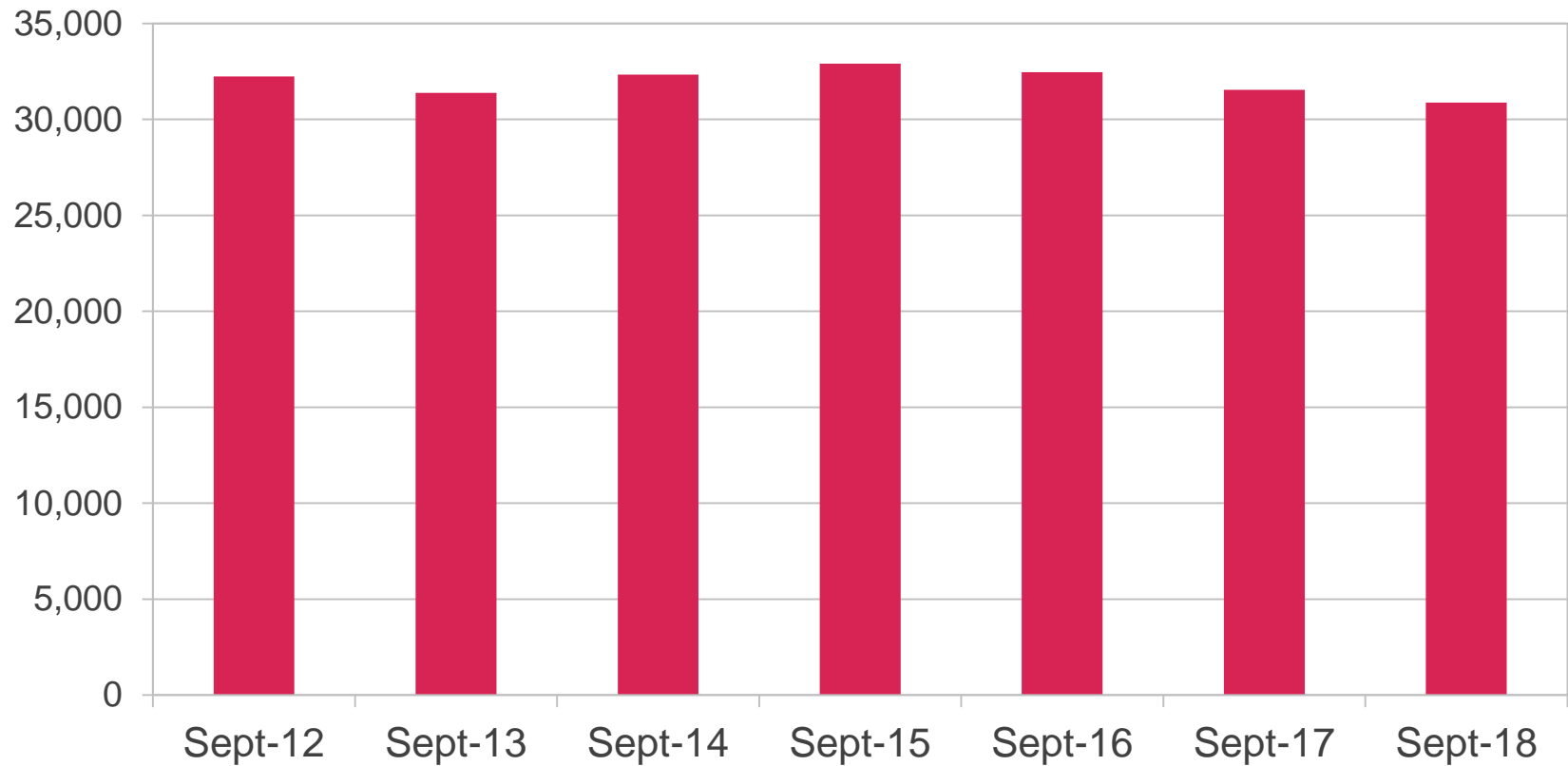
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Knife crime offences



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Number of police officers in London

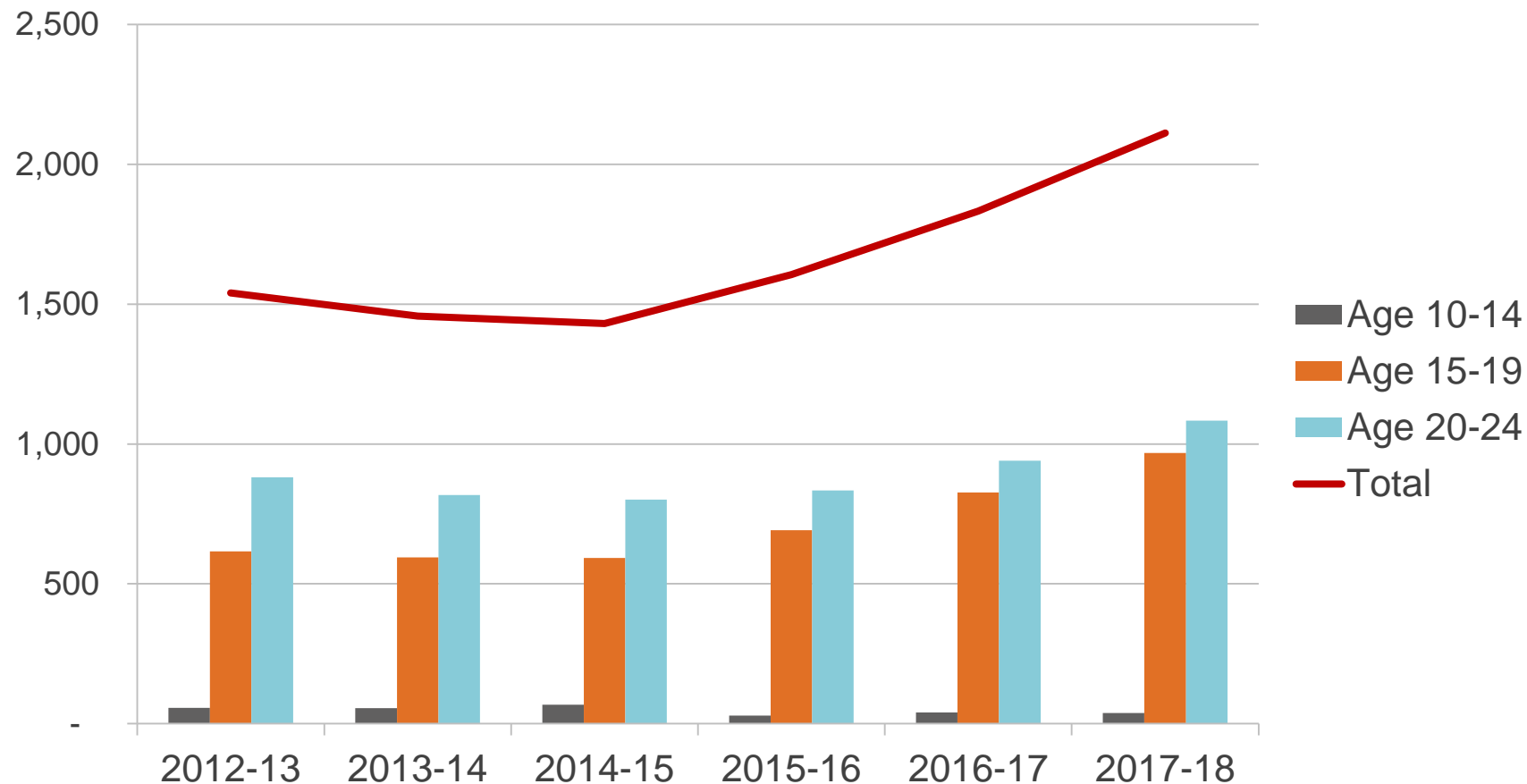


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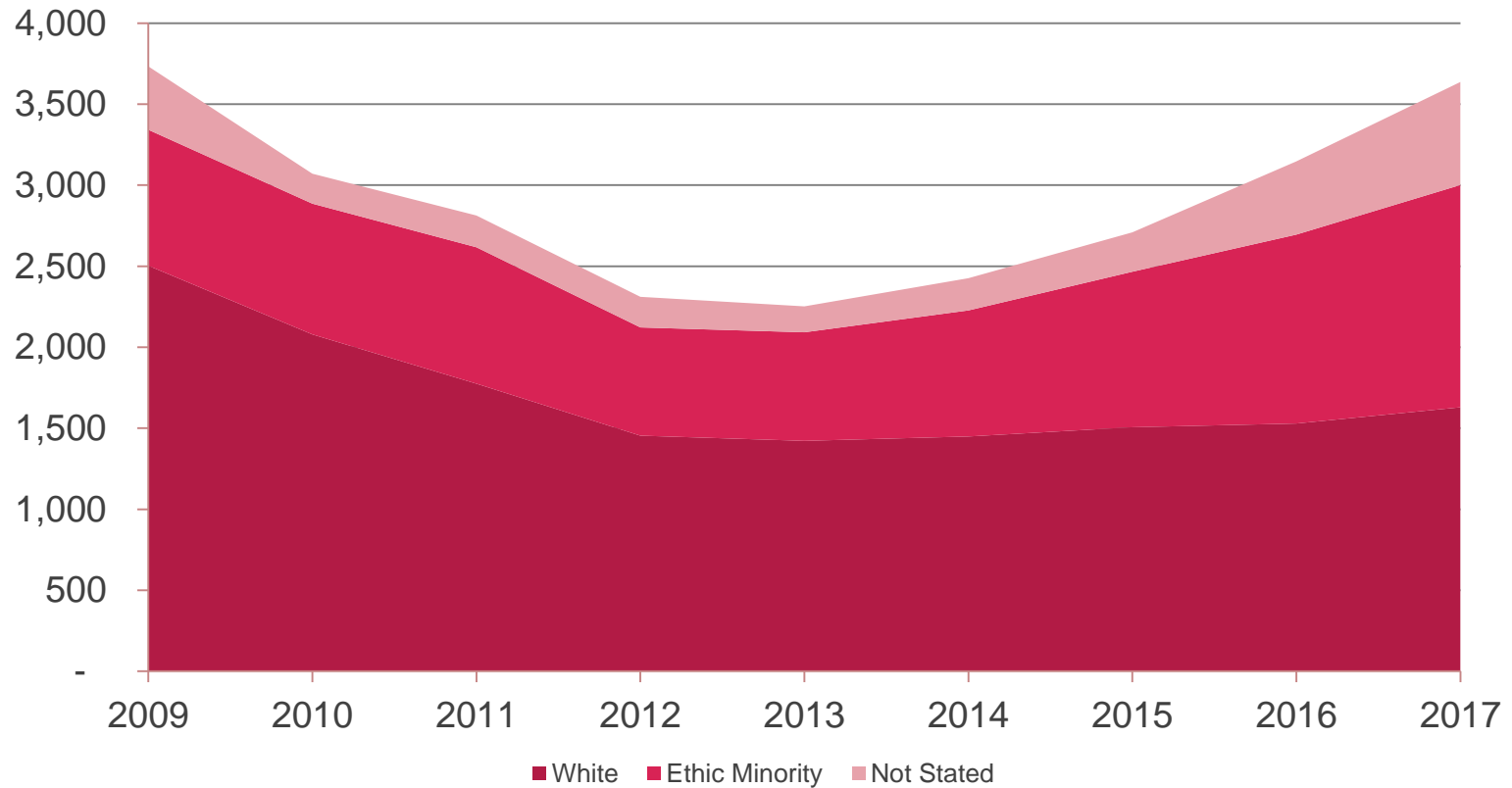
Young People and Knife Crime

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Hospital admissions for young people with sharp object injury rising



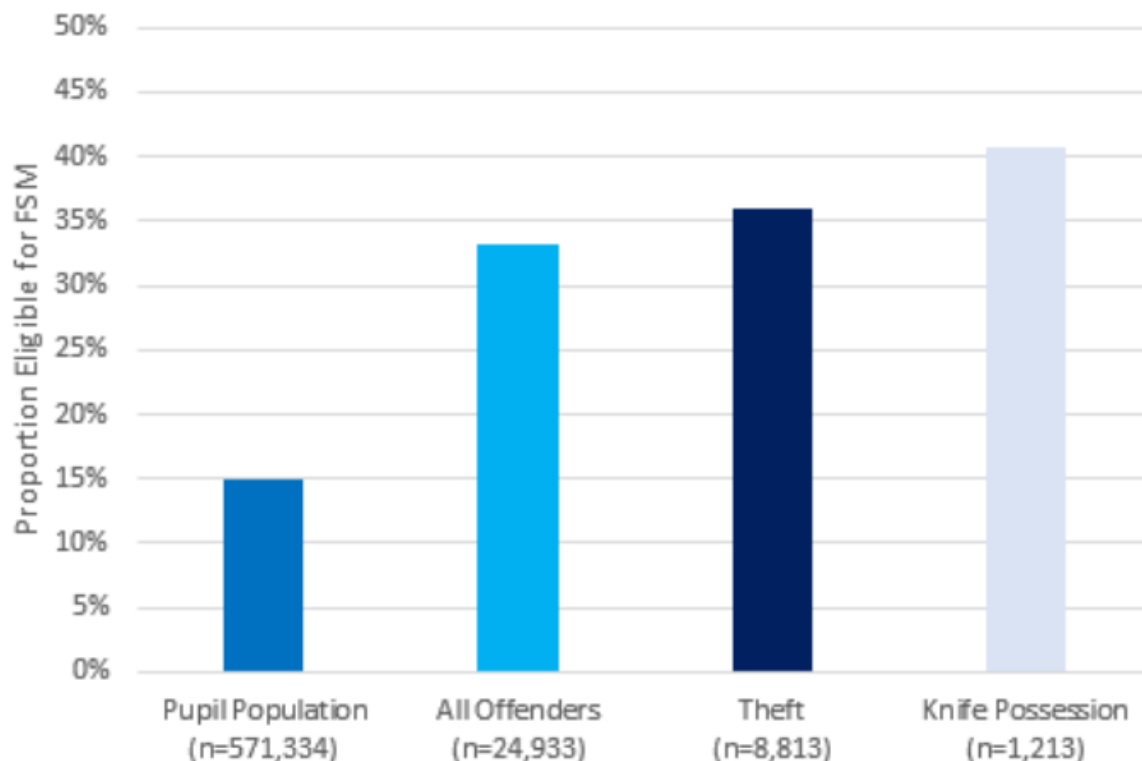
Convictions for Knife Possession in Under 25s, England and Wales



Source: MoJ Criminal Statistics Dec 2017

Offender Deprivation - Free School Meals

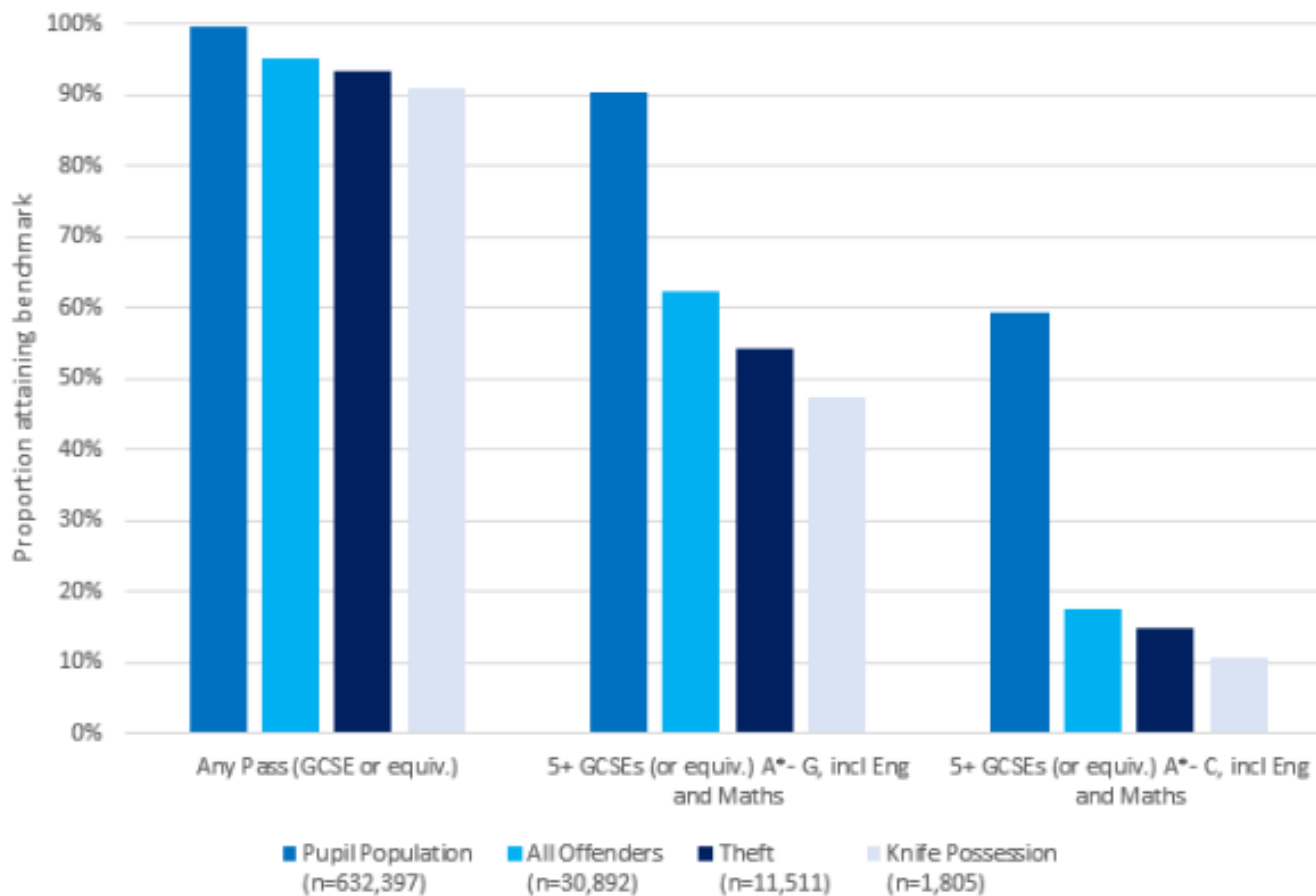
Figure 3: Free School Meal eligibility in 2012/13 for pupil population¹³ and young offender cohorts with KS4 academic year of 2012/13 (Source: Table 1.3)



Source: MOJ *Examining the Educational Background of Young Knife Possession Offenders*, 14 June 2018

Offender Education Attainment

Figure 2: Key Stage 4 Attainment for pupil population¹⁰ and young offender cohorts with KS4 academic year of 2012/13 (Source: Table 1.1.2)

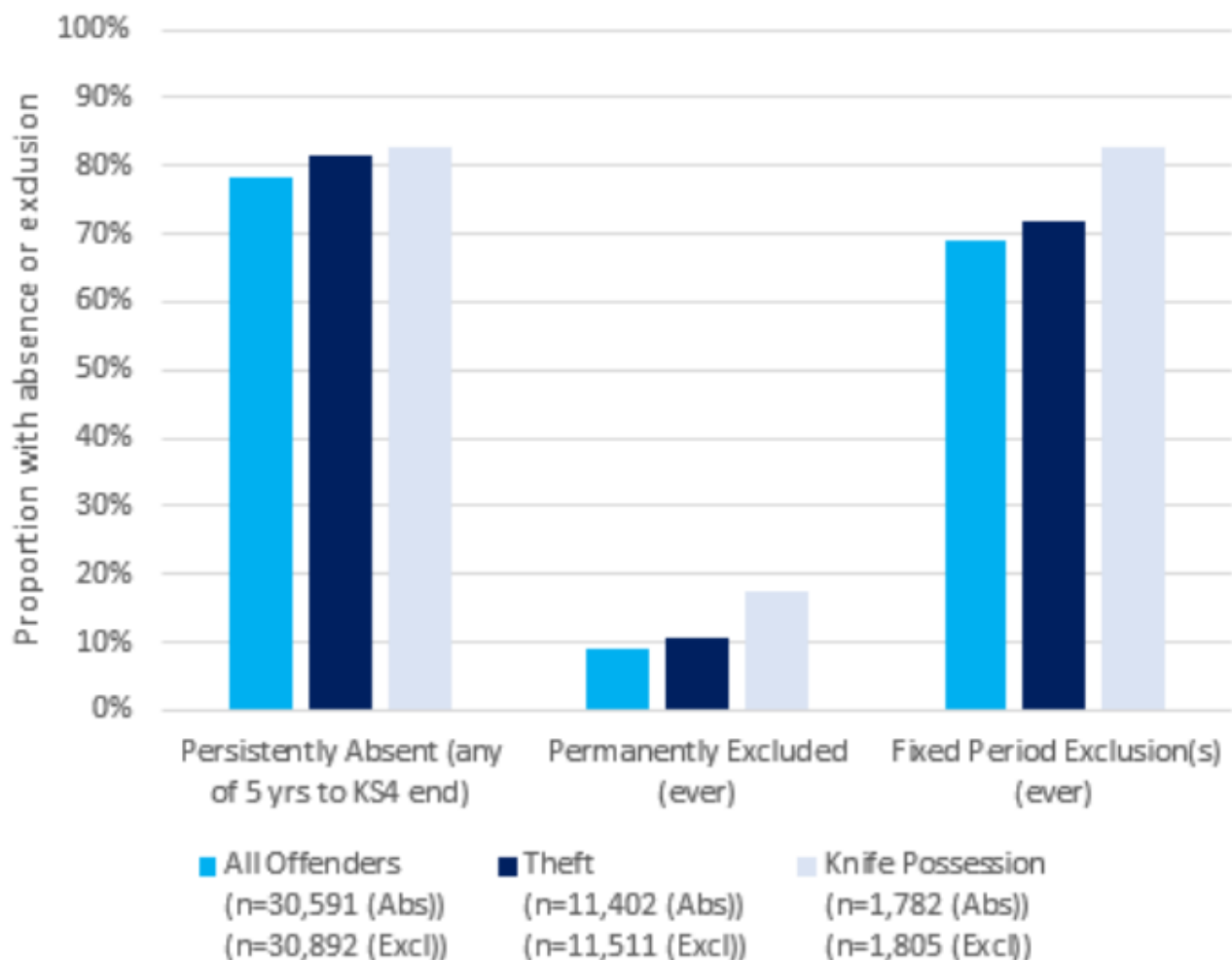


Exclusions and Knife Crime

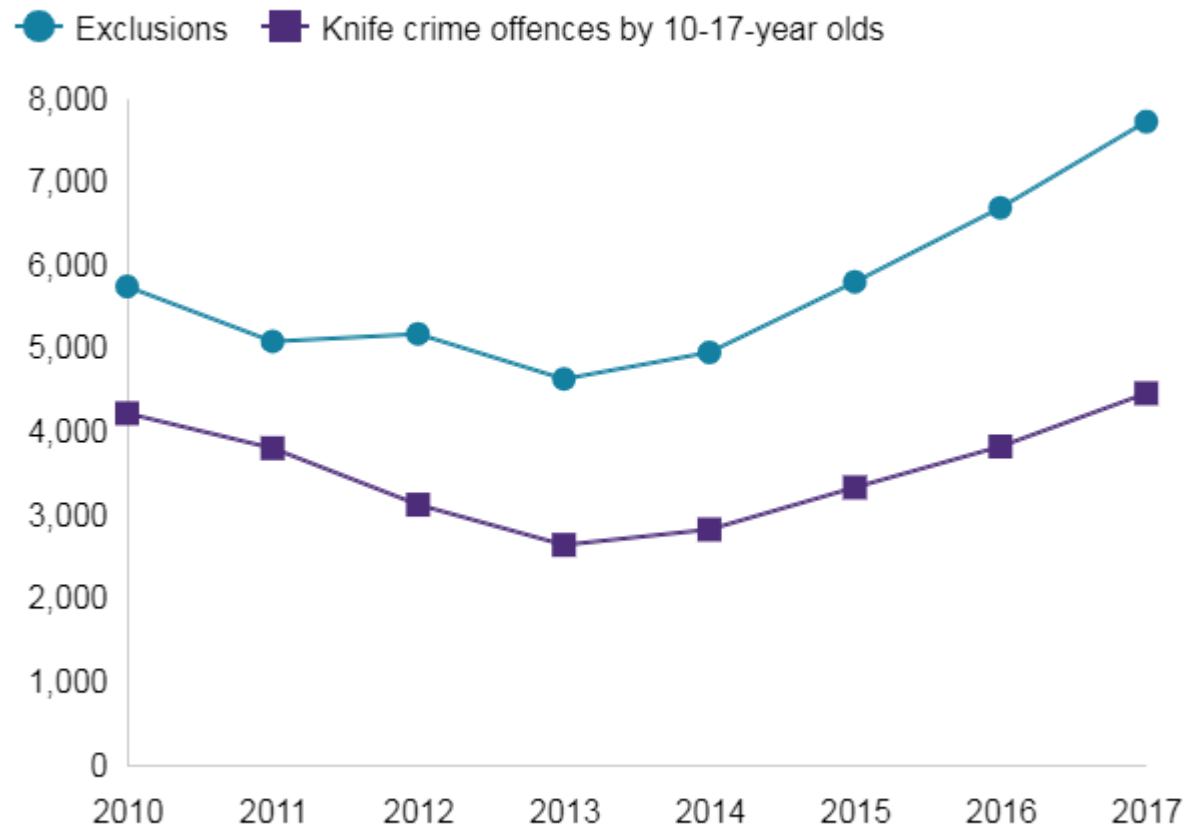
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Offender – School Absences

Figure 4: School absences¹⁴ and exclusions¹⁵ for young offender cohorts with KS4 academic year of 2012/13, over periods described (Source: Tables 1.4.1 and 1.4.2)



Permanent school exclusions and knife offences resulting in conviction, England



Source: Department of Education, Home Office

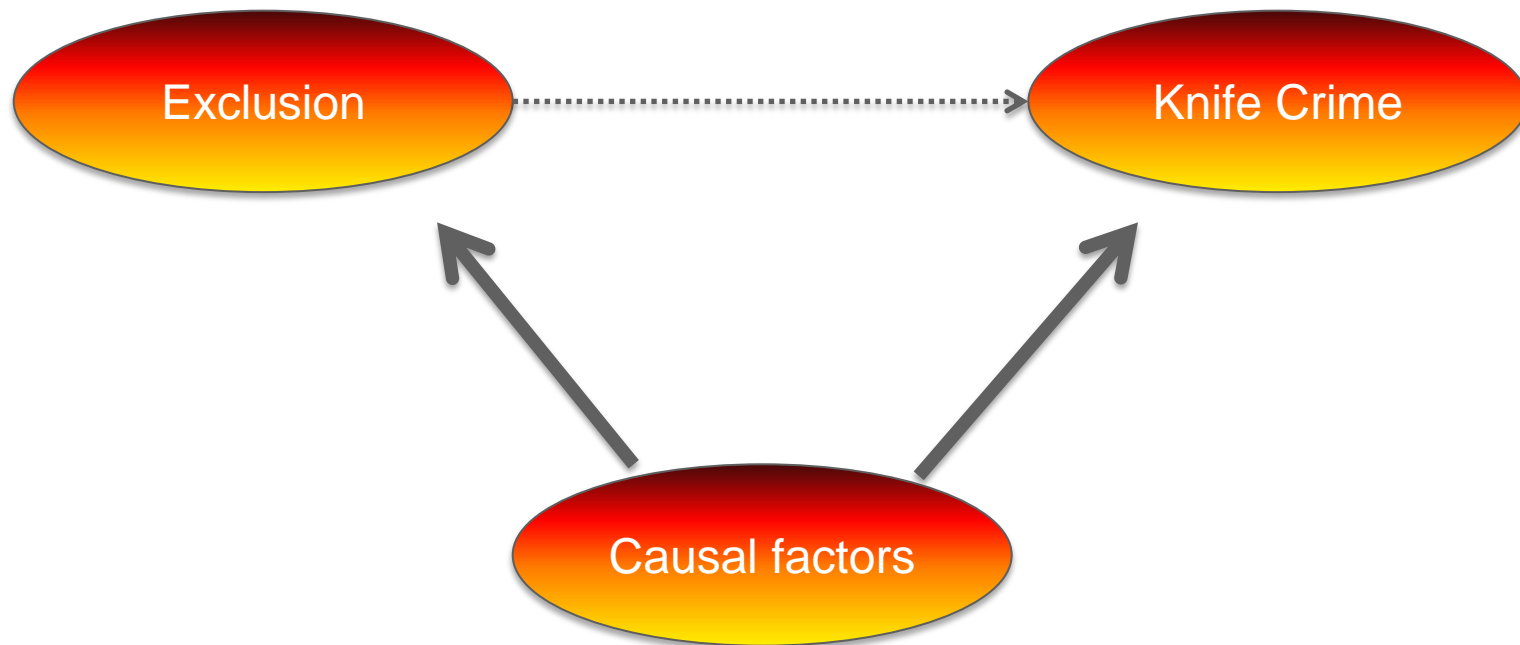
Knife possession offences rarely followed exclusions

“Only a very small proportion committed the knife possession offence shortly after being excluded from school. For those with a permanent exclusion that came later than their knife possession offence, half were excluded within the next 30 days.

Although it is not possible to identify from this analysis whether there is an association between exclusions and knife possession offending, the low volumes of knife possession offences following exclusions mean any such association could not be a significant driver of youth knife possession offending overall.”

MoJ June 2018

What sort of connection?



Other data

- Pupils who self-report as being a victim of knife crime are twice as likely to carry a knife themselves compared with non-victims. (Youth survey 2008 (youth justice board) and youth voice survey 2018 (MOPAC)).
- What is knife crime?

Thank you.

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