



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3308
We received your request on the 09/04/2025.

Request

You asked us:

Hi,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you provide the following information for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 calendar years:

- 1 - How many knives were seized by police following stop and search
- 2 - How many knives were seized by police from people aged under 18 following stop and search

As under Section 16 of the Act, please advise on how I can amend my FOI if you cannot provide the requested information.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Please note, 2019- 2023 will include periods of time when rail passenger numbers were low, or recovering, from the results of COVID19 lockdowns (no unnecessary travel).

Please see tables below for the data:

Q1:

Year	Property General Description			
	Knife / Dagger / Broken bottle	Machete / Hatchet	Sword	Total
2020	179	2	0	181
2021	114	4	2	120
2022	128	3	0	131
2023	210	13	3	226
2024	208	20	5	233

Q2:

Under 18				
Year	Property General Description			
	Knife / Dagger / Broken bottle	Machete / Hatchet	Sword	Total
2020	59	1	0	60
2021	44	1	1	46
2022	57	3	0	60
2023	77	7	2	86
2024	78	10	4	92