

UK: Children Given Lessons on How to Treat Stab Wounds Due to Increase in Knife Murders and Injuries

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UK: Children in high knife-crime areas are being taught how to treat stab wounds. The program follows the shocking deaths of two teenagers who were stabbed to death in separate attacks, and an incident with a knife gang that entered school grounds and threatened pupils. There have already been 10 teenagers knifed to death since the start of 2019. Prime Minister Theresa May has faced a backlash over her claim that there is no direct link with the reduction of police officers. She restricted police power to stop and search suspects in 2013 when she was the Home Secretary on grounds that the policing technique was disproportionately targeting minorities. The number of police officers in England and Wales has dropped by more than 20,000 since 2010, and levels of violent crime have risen markedly in recent years. The UK and the EU have withheld information about migrant crime rates.

Children in high knife-crime areas are being taught how to deliver first aid to stab victims, details of the programme emerging less than a

week after two teenagers were stabbed to death in separate attacks and a knife gang entered school grounds and threatened pupils.

Run by charity Street Doctors, school children are taught how to deliver first aid to stabbing victims through role play, and learn how to stem blood loss, [reports The Times](#).

The scheme operates in 16 cities across the country including London, where less than 15 per cent of the population live but one-third of all stabbings occur, according to NHS data.

The charity said that they know of 14 cases where their training has helped in an emergency situation faced by youths, in one case in a shooting and seven after a stabbing.

Carl Ward, chief executive of City Learning Trust in Stoke, Staffordshire, told the newspaper that Street Doctors gives training at its secondary schools, explaining, "They come and show you what a knife can do to the body – it makes it very real.

"Children are usually in quite a lot of shock. Stoke on Trent is a tough area with lots of gang problems. We've had for a few years to prep the children up so they know what they're getting into.

"Every child has lessons from StreetDoctors, including how to respond to a stabbing."

On Monday morning, police were called to Runshaw College in Leyland, Lancashire, after administrators were informed a gang of youths travelling from Manchester, 30 miles away, were intending to enter school grounds bearing knives in what was suspected to have been a "targetted attack."

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