

Knife-related offences continues to soar – Diane Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on new statistics which show that in the year ending March 2019 the highest number of knife and offensive weapon offences since 2010 were formally dealt with by the Criminal Justice System, said:

"The number of knife-related offences continues to soar under this government. The overstretched and under-resourced police and criminal justice systems are only able to tackle a fraction of the total level of crime.

"The Government should stop just talking about a public health approach and actually adopt one. This includes properly funding the police, ending the Tories' damaging cuts to public services and reinvesting in youth services to provide young people with genuine hope for their future prospects."