

**Comparison PSNI with England & Wales – Number and proportion of selected violent and sexual offences recorded by the police involving knives or sharp instruments<sup>1</sup> by offence type**

Offence Type	Number of selected offences involving a knife/sharp instrument				Proportion of selected offences that involved a knife/sharp instrument			
	2008/09		2009/10		2008/09		2009/10	
	E&W	NI	E&W	NI	E&W	NI	E&W	NI
Homicide <sup>2</sup>	255	8	205	7	39	31	34	32
Attempted murder	275	44	262	31	48	35	44	27
Threats to kill	1,564	102	1,524	104	16	5	16	5
Actual bodily harm & grievous bodily harm <sup>3</sup>	17,182	509	15,864	562	4	4	4	4
Robbery	16,693	236	15,592	227	21	18	21	18
Rape / Sexual assaults	366	9	324	7	1	1	1	1
<b>Total selected offences</b>	<b>36,335</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>33,771</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Knives/sharp instruments are as defined by the Home Office.

<sup>2</sup> Homicide includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

E&W figures represent those currently recorded by the police as at 2 December 2009. Figures are provisional and subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.

<sup>3</sup> Includes grievous bodily harm with and without intent, firearms/explosives offences endangering life, poisonings and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

*Please note that the knife/sharp instrument figures for Northern Ireland are based on weapon details taken from a live operational system and are therefore subject to change.*