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## Mayor's 'inadequate' knife crime response shows 'complete lack of understanding'

In the wake of four men being stabbed to death over New Year in London, the Mayor this morning called for more schools to take up his offer of free knife wands.

**Commenting, London Assembly member Shaun Bailey said:** "Frankly I'm stunned by the Mayor's inadequate response and his complete lack of understanding of the issues. Four men are killed on London's streets in 24 hours and the only thing Sadiq Khan can do is ask more schools to take up a knife wand policy. These men were not in school when they were stabbed to death.

"Since the release of the Mayor's Knife Crime Strategy, stabbings have gone up and up. People are dying on our streets and nothing is being done.

"Our city needs practical solutions, not small pots of money for meaningless projects. Later this month I will be releasing a comprehensive report outlining a series of long-term solutions to tackle this problem. I hope the Mayor will listen."

ENDS.

### Notes

- Shaun Bailey is a London-wide Conservative Assembly Member
- The 76 schools that have taken up the Mayor's knife wand offer represent just 2.4% of all London schools. There are 3147 schools in London - <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/schools-and-pupils-type-school-borough>

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