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Mayor 'distracting from knife crime failings' with government criticism

Sadiq Khan this morning called on the government to 'get tough' on knife crime, despite blade offences rising by 47 per cent under his mayoralty.

Commenting, London Assembly member Shaun Bailey said: "Additional funding for community led projects would always be welcome but Sadiq Khan's comments today are simply an attempt to distract from his own responsibilities on the issue.

"Knife crime has soared under his mayoralty and, whilst young people are being killed on our streets, his weak approach on the issue has been ineffective. Before he attempts to shift blame once again on to the government, he should refocus his own efforts and try to gain some understanding of the problem."

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Notes

- Shaun Bailey is a London-wide Conservative Assembly Member
- Knife crime rose 47 per cent in London in the 12 months to June, 2017 - <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/rise-in-london-stabbings-sends-uks-knife-crime-rate-to-sixyear-high-a3662941.html>

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