

Axis Monthly Bulletin

Within the month of April 2023, AXIS saw a rise in identification to SYV, which is indicative to the representation of intervention being offered to children within the service. AXIS are currently working with 55 children, with 56% (37) needing early intervention around SYV; 22% (13) for PWITS, 17% (10) for CSE, and 5% in relation to Missing from home. AXIS recognise that amongst these four areas of extra-familial harm there may be intersectionalities that may have merged. AXIS also saw a rise in identification for 11–13-year-old children at 28% (16) which highlights the significance of the transitional ages, and the importance of partnerships working together to identify support for children at the earliest possible point within their adolescence. Within the last 3 months, 79% of children coming to attention of AXIS are males and the remaining 21% are females. In April 2023, AXIS saw majority of children/families welcome support in the community, with 12% (7) decline consent for intervention.



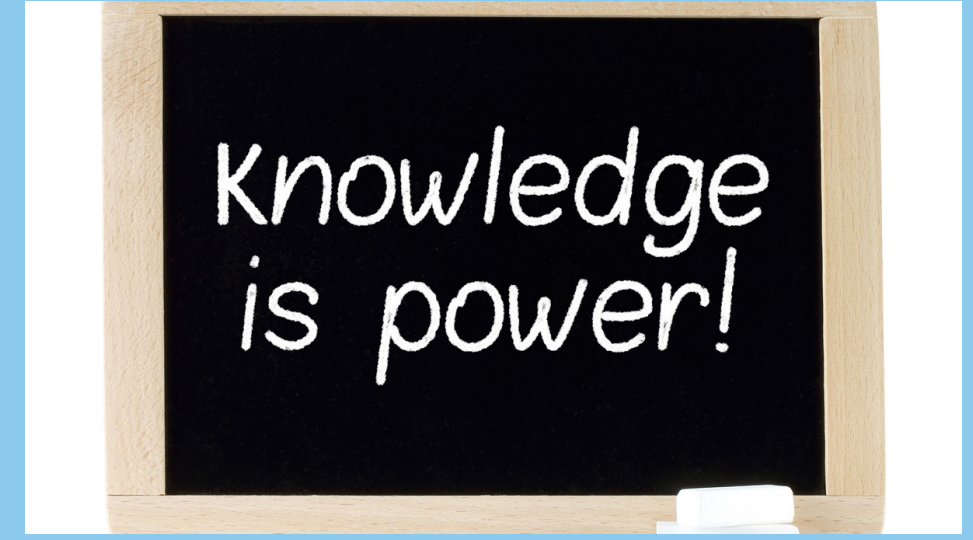
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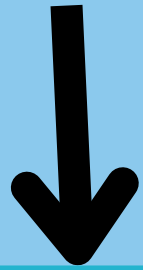


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Useful information for all practitioners



<https://nwgnetwork.org/>



Vape Shops

'Network members asked us whether or not we were aware of a growing trend regarding the use of Vapes & Vape shops (including pop-up shops) to target and groom children into criminal/sexual exploitation.' Children are encouraged to take the vapes to sell/use between them and their peers. Once the 'trust' has been established between the exploiting adults and the children, the vapes are replaced by drugs and other items/forms of abuse.

We would like to ask our members the following;

1. Is this an emerging/existing form of exploitation that you are aware of in your local/wider area?
2. If so, what practical and effective responses are you aware of that have been applied?

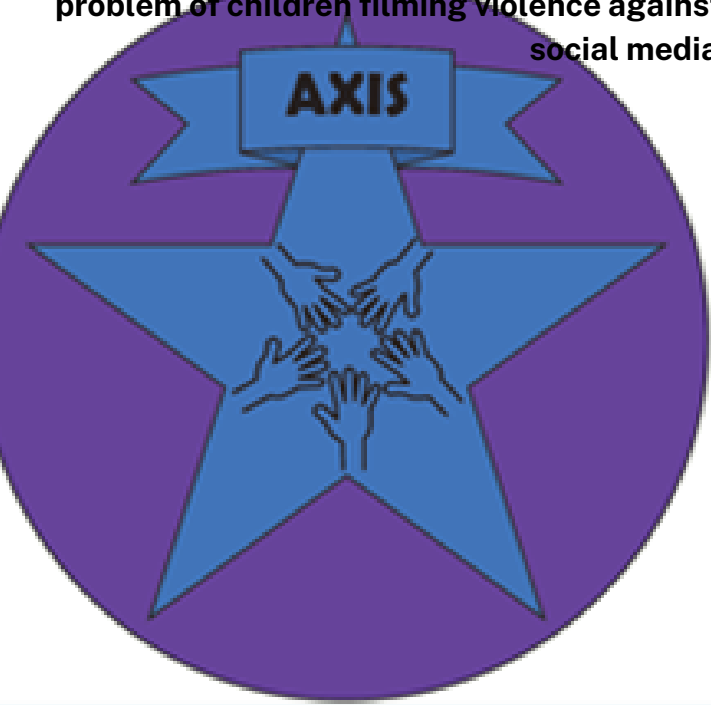
The National Bullying Helpline has recently stated that there has been an "escalating problem of children filming violence against other children then uploading to social media".

<https://news.sky.com/story/a-child-is-going-to-lose-their-life-sickening-trend-of-children-filming-attacks-on-other-kids-12866916>

Amnesty Knife Bins in Hillingdon

1. Devonshire Lodge Car Park, Eastcote, HA5 1TG
2. Access from Abbotsbury Gardens towards the Devonshire Practice.
3. Pump Lane Car Park, Hayes, UB3 3NB
4. Opposite the Matalan shop.
5. Judge Heath Lane (Barra Hall Circus), Hayes, UB3 2NU
6. Shopping parade on the pavement next to Vantage Pharmacy

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**Have your say on the future of
Hillingdon's Youth Services**

Young people, families, carers, partner agencies and community organisations are invited to have their say on new proposals for the youth offer for Hillingdon.

The borough's current offer is mainly a static, single-use buildingsbased model. Attendance rates have dropped, and young people have told the council that they would prefer services to be closer to home and in different formats.

The proposed new youth offer sets out the council's commitment to creating a wider programme of more modern, relevant, flexible and digital services for young people to receive the support they need, in their communities, to help them reach their potential.

To view the strategy and have your say, use the QR code below, or visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/youth-offer-strategy before Monday 5 June.

**Youth Offer Strategy Consultation
2023**



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How to support children making a complaint against the police.

How to make a complaint?

At the police station

In writing using the online forms on the IOPC (Independent Office for Police Conduct) website.

Calling 101

Through legal advisors such as solicitor, lawyers, advocates.

Remember that the child is the victim.

Avoid victim blaming language and tones.

Avoid the adultification of children specifically

Black, Asian and other minority children.

Specifically when they are discussing their injuries or experiences.

Children need to feel safe when sharing information.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This year's theme for Mental Health Awareness Week (15 to 21 May) is **anxiety.**

The Intranet has a range of support for staff, including access to the Employee Assistance Programme and information about yoga and meditation sessions to help with staff health and wellbeing.

The Mental Health Foundation and NHS also have some great resources too.

If you're working in or visiting the Civic Centre this week, you can pop by Vicky Trott's desk in the HR area on 3 East and buy a mental health green ribbon pin in aid of Hillingdon MIND.

UNJUST: Organisation who support children and adults who are victims of police injustice including brutality. A referral can be made online. UNJUST UK - <https://www.unjust.org.uk/>

Resources for young people, families, professionals

YOUR FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLBEING EXPERTS

https://www.brook.org.uk/?utm_source=Brook&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=d18fd08c96-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_04_26_03_11&utm_content=external&utm_term=0_-d18fd08c96-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=d18fd08c96&mc_eid=4467fd4d77

How do you recognise a victim of child exploitation? - Catch22

<https://www.catch22.org.uk/news/how-do-you-recognise-a-victim-of-child-exploitation/>



**AGES 13-19
FREE
ENTRY**

The Hillingdon Mobile and Detached Youth Work Team are offering young people the opportunity to participate in **FREE FOOTBALL** at **GOALS** in **HAYES**.

If you feel any of the young people you work with would benefit from the opportunity to improve their emotional health and wellbeing through sport, please invite them along.

FOOTBALL SESSIONS

5PM-7PM, EVERY TUESDAY

**GOALS, HAYES
SPRINGFIELD ROAD
UB4 0LP**

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for young people in Hillingdon.