

# AXIS SERVICE

## BULLETIN

You would have noticed AXIS Service has been having a mini-hiatus, and took a break to really explore the most effective ways to update our professionals/ partners, alongside offering tools and resources to work with and around our children in Hillingdon.

We would like to remind you all that AXIS is a prevention service rather than a step down service. We have recently made some changes to our eligibility criteria regarding Young People that we can work with. We understand that many of our children require support/interventions within our remit, however we cannot work with Young People who are on a CP/CIN plan or LAC.

This is due to duplication of work and the overwhelming amount of professionals who are already involved with our children within statutory service.

AXIS are now able to provide consultations with referrers to further assess if our Axis workers can provide short term bespoke interventions alongside professionals or provide resources and further signposting/guidance to support the concerns that have been raised.



### AXIS OVERVIEW : 2023

From 2023, the overall number of children aged 10- 17yrs old identified as vulnerable to extrafamilial harm was 431, with just a 2% increase of identifications, compared to 2022 where identifications were 423. The data from 2023 shows that the average age of children coming to the attention of AXIS at the time of referral as 17 years old, indicating the importance of transitional stages into young adulthood for our vulnerable children, and what support is available from a community lense. The overall representation for extra-familial harm was held by boys at 69%, and girls at 31%. In 2023 AXIS saw a reduction on serious youth violence activity overall by 5%, especially within the months October - December. AXIS saw a significant rise in themes pertaining to Anti-Social Behaviour, which continues to be explored and further understood to support eider partners in prevention and diversion. AXIS's majority of engagement at 62% was with children who were not open to any services, or known to the borough, which continues to indicate the power and importance of early prevention.

# Patterns, Trends and Themes

## **Hotspots Robbery/SYV**

**Uxbridge town centre, Uxbridge Tube Station, Hayes Town.**

**Robberies remain to be a main area of concern, type of crime : phone snatches, DPD driver attacks, expensive jackets and random attacks.**

**It has been reported young people are drinking in a local pub – this has been raised with licensing. Please continue to share with AXIS any locations of concern.**

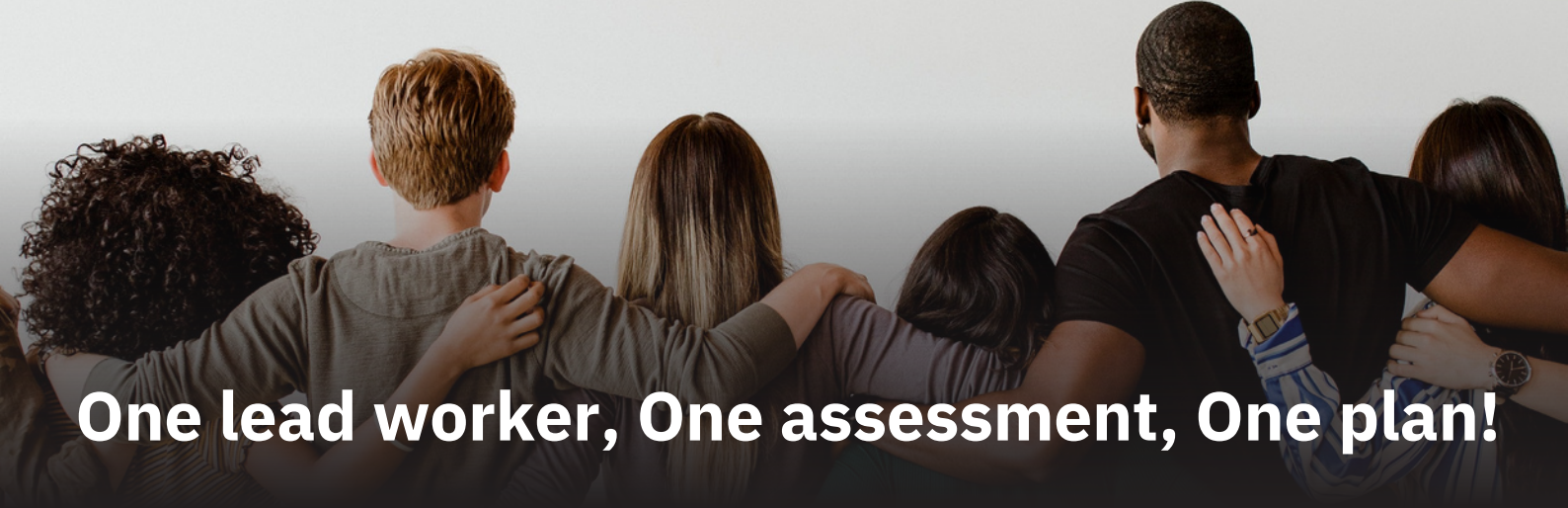
**Police have seen an increase in robberies of school children and suspect this is due to the new gifts they would have received over Christmas.**

**Please be mindful of this and report/share any intel to AXIS**



# TURN AROUND

in partnership with the London Borough of Hillingdon Youth Justice Service.



**One lead worker, One assessment, One plan!**

Our aim is to prevent children and young people becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour by offering support and one 2 one mentoring to them and their families.

The programme relies on early intervention in the lives of the children and young people to prevent further offending and entering the criminal justice system. We are separate from official agencies such as the Police or Social Services.

**Does this mean I am in trouble?**

**No! The idea is to help you and your family make positive changes before any trouble happens.**

**Do I have to go through with this?**

**No, it is entirely your choice, but you could be missing out on a real chance to turn your life around.**

**... It's your life, it's your choice but let us help you make the right one.**

**You will also have the opportunity to receive support from:**

## **Liaison and Diversion Service Speech and Language Therapist Team**

Can offer a one-off screening looking at They are here to make sure everyone knows how to your emotional wellbeing and mental health work best with you and your family. If you and your to see whether and how it may be affecting family are finding things difficult or want extra help, your day-to-day life. They can also discuss they will work with parents/carers and others to assess health support that you can access locally if a child has speech, language and/or communication as well as make a referral on your behalf.difficulties or undiagnosed educational needs.



## MDT Summer Achievements

“The Mobile and Detached Team ran a three week programme during the summer holiday. They operated in West Drayton, Uxbridge and Hayes Town and managed to engage 70 young people over the three weeks.

The Mobile and Detached Team also had the privilege partner with the Army engagement Team, SORTED and KISS, who all provided fun and engaging activities/workshops for the young people.”

**Terrence Addo Mills Mobile & Detached Youth Work Team Programme Co-Ordinator**

## Turnaround Good News Story

“Before this child was referred to the Turnaround Programme Service, he did not engage with any other professionals, he was out of education and struggling with mental health and challenging behaviour.

He reluctantly agreed to work with the Turnaround Programme, however, he is now willingly engaging with the programme and with CAHMS. With the support of the Turnaround worker has enrolled and started his college course as well as successfully completing various Turnaround: Weapon awareness, Healthy Relationships, joined the Targeted Programmes- LGBTQ group and even engaged in a 1:1 Reptile Handling Session set up by the Turnaround worker with the support of The Jungle Reptile Store, Iver. He is now seeking to become a volunteer throughout summer and half term breaks. He is now on a more positive journey for a brighter future.”

**Kirsty Desouza Turnaround Officer**



# START at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre

Referrals are now being accepted for the Spring 2024 term of the START programme for NEET young people aged 16 -25.

- A FREE 6 week course for NEET young people from w/c 5 February 2024
- Mondays to Thursdays, 11:00-15:30 at the Lyric Hammersmith
- All travel expenses covered and lunch provided for the whole programme
- Accredited Arts Award qualification for all participants who complete the course
- Young people have to be based in the 10 West London boroughs: Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Richmond upon Thames, Wandsworth and Westminster

The 6 weeks of work accumulate in a performance for family & friends at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre on Wednesday 13 March 2024.

If you know any NEET young people with an interest in the arts (this could be writing, acting, performing, music, dance, poetry) who would be interested in taking part, please refer them to Lyric below:

<https://lyric.co.uk/young-lyric/inclusionandpathways/targeted-work-form/>

This is a flagship programme for 16 to 25 year olds called START, an accredited six week training course for NEET (not in education, employment or training) young people with the aim of re-engaging them in education, employment or training.

Throughout the six weeks 10 young people will broaden their perspectives by developing a range of characters and scenarios and rehearsing alternative behaviours in a safe environment. With two professional directors they explore issues which are relevant to their own lives and foster a group ethic of inclusivity, accessibility, encouragement, respect and affirmation whilst creating their own original piece of theatre which they will perform at the end of the course. For many this alternative form of engaging with skills development and the responsibilities of team work is the first time they have been willing to learn. This project is underpinned by an Arts Award accreditation.

Please feel free to contact Alessandra with any questions via email or on 020 8741 6822 ext 425 during office hours!



**START**

**INTERESTED IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY?**

START is a six week performance course where you work with two professional directors to create YOUR own show.

**AGED 16-25 AND LIVE IN WEST LONDON? CURRENTLY NOT IN FULL TIME EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, OR TRAINING?**

- Arts Award Qualification
- All Travel and Lunch provided for six weeks
- One to one support and mentoring
- Access to free classes and projects at the Lyric

**MORE INFO**  
07377557920  
participation@lyric.co.uk  
lyric.co.uk/young-lyric/inclusionandpathways/

*'START created such a positive impact to my life and my future, and I guarantee it will do the same for you.'* - Participant, 2021



**INTERESTED IN THE PERFORMING ARTS?**

<b>WRITING</b>	<b>ACTING</b>
<b>SINGING</b>	<b>DANCING</b>
<b>POETRY</b>	<b>IMPROV</b>
<b>COMEDY</b>	<b>MUSICALS</b>
<b>PUPPETRY</b>	<b>RAP</b>

**AGED 16-25 AND LIVING IN WEST LONDON? NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, OR TRAINING?**

*'I wouldn't be where I am without START. It made me believe that you can do this as a job. START was a lot of fun, and I met a lot of actors and directors through it. It was just really fun and rewarding. When I'm at home, I think of the Lyric. START was like a family. Now I feel like I can do anything.'*

**Participant, 2022**  
Hammersmith & Fulham

*'I'm producing my own music and releasing it on Spotify, writing and performing my own work, making music my career. START allowed me to explore that. I actually was able to write music in a recording studio, then perform it on stage. It's like being validated and supported. It was really important for me.'*

**Participant, 2021**  
Wandsworth

*'START was the beginning of my journey as an actor. I was feeling really lonely, and I made friends in START. Performing together made us close. Now I'm a professional actor. I feel grateful for the connections I've made, and the Lyric's support.'*

**Participant, 2023**  
Hillingdon



# TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- CATCH 22 - <https://www.catch-22.org.uk/what-we-do/child-exploitation/>
- St Giles - <https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/what-we-do/child-criminal-exploitation/>
- Safer London- <https://saferlondon.org.uk/>
- Rescue and Response/Abianda - <https://www.abianda.com/rescue-and-response>
- United Borders - <http://unitedborders.org/#>



The Axis database should be used as a point of contact during any assessment process. Professionals are encouraged to contact Axis via the email address below. Furthermore, Axis has a wide range of resources which can be shared to support intervention and engagement with young people at risk.

For further enquires please contact AXIS on:  
Email: [axis@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:axis@hillington.gov.uk)

