

## **AXIS Monthly Bulletin**



April 2024

## Welcome to the AXIS monthly bulletin. Please see below trends and themes

- Information from children and professionals refers to older individuals involved in PWITS and grooming younger children in Northwood Hills. Names mentioned are well previously known to services including younger siblings. Please remember to refer any children where you may have concerns about siblings not open to your service.
- Knifes being brought to school 5 incidents reported since January, however these incidents are not linked and were different schools. Please exercise your professional curiosity about children's feelings of safety in the borough. Please contact AXIS if you require further information on safety planning and weapons awareness.
- Hayes Town we have been made aware of children converting to Islam. We are
  exploring this as all children are linked and there is some intelligence regarding their
  links to older individuals and the Hayes area. We want to ensure that children are
  supported in the decisions that they make please be curious with the children you
  work with, remember not to make assumptions and be part of their journey.
- there's been a recent increase in PWITS related incidents for children that have been reported missing in Hillingdon. Clacton-on-Sea and Surrey have been identified as areas of concern for County Lines please share any info you may have about county lines so we can better understand what the current picture for our children12 more children linked to PWITS compared to this time last year Jan-Apr. 80% male, Average age 17. Slight dip in intelligence received although children involved higher than last year.



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## Hayes incidents and intelligence - SYV (Serious youth violence) Jan 2024 - Present

- There was a serious stabbing of an 18 year old in Hayes recently who was known to services. There is intelligence linking him to Hayes and Rayner's lane gangs. This cross over link has been mentioned previously. Potential for retaliation is a concern. Please remain vigilant in your work with children across the borough.
- There was another stabbing incident in Hayes, at this point intelligence does not suggest it is related to the above incident.
- There has been a general increase in knife related incidents and knives being carried by children. A survey was taken out by the YJS to understand the children's views and feelings around knife crime. Hayes is an area mostly mentioned by children as an area of concern. This is picked up by colleagues in safer communities as an ongoing piece of work.
- This year there has been 85 children mentioned as linked or involved in serious youth violence. AXIS has received 280 pieces information/intelligence. Please continue to share so we can better understand the Hillingdon picture.
- The concern is although numbers appear lower than last year it is actually the spike in the last 2 months that is a concern.
- The average age of children involved in SYV is 16-17. 81% are male.
- The Red Brick estate, the St Dunstan's estate and Hayes Town as a whole are our current hotspot areas.



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