

AXIS Monthly Bulletin

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

- Axis has observed a rise in SYV (serious youth violence) in the Northwood area. This includes multiple robberies and a violent incident involving children.
- Axis has seen a rise in intelligence and the reporting of incidents involving PWITS
 (Possession with Intent to Supply). This rise has been seen in Uxbridge, West Drayton
 and in Hayes. Cannabis and cocaine are the main substances in possession.
- AXIS attended a VAWG (Violence against women and girls) meeting where we
 identified hotels, mostly in the Heathrow area where children are being sexually
 exploited. We recognise there is low reporting for CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation)
 overall in Hillingdon and we ask that you share any information you may have so we
 can have a better understanding of the context.
- There has been an increase in sexual assaults on buses and bus stops against school aged girls, the police are aware of this. Please can we be mindful of children's travel to and from school and share any information you are concerned of.
- *Telegram* (a communication application linked to WhatsApp) has been linked to 3 pieces of recent intelligence and incidents. The app has been used to set up robberies (honey trap) and in a separate incident used to sell and purchase drugs. These apps are used to communicate freely and privately between children and young people.



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- Social media has been a focal point in a large proportion of Axis intelligence recently.
 There are cases in which older males have been making inappropriate contact with
 children via social media and offering money. This is extremely concerning.
 Professionals are aware and are working with these children (separate cases). Please
 share any information with Axis in relation to children involved or social media sites
 mentioned.
- SORTED have recently shared information regarding cases in London in which children using cannabis THC vapes risk inhaling a very dangerous substance called xylazine, UK experts warn after discovering some confiscated products contained the "zombie" drug. We have not yet seen this in Hillingdon, however, please be mindful of this as vapes are extremely popular amongst some of our children and young people.
- In 22-23, 165 children were missing from home and care, compared with 119 children in 23-24. AXIS has noted a highest increase in missing children in the month of February for two years in a row. Areas mentioned are West Drayton, Uxbridge, and Hayes. The majority of missing episodes are male and the average age is 17yrs old.



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