

AXIS MONTHLY BULLETIN



AUGUST 2024

Trends and themes

Axis observed the below when collating data from the 1st July 2024 to end of August 2024.

95 children identified at risk of CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation). The average age was **17yrs** old and the youngest child was **12yrs** old.

Axis received **150** Pieces of information from partner agencies across Hillingdon, this includes information as well as incidents reported.

60% of those who came to attention were boys, this is similar to this time last year.

10 children were on a CIN (Child in Need) plan, 5 children were CP (Child Protection) and 11 children were LAC (Looked after Child).

SYV (Serious Youth Violence) was observed as the main concern and has been a similar theme for the past 3 months – **38** of the **90** children were linked to or involved in SYV. Assaults and bladed article incidents in particular. Hayes and West Drayton were the main areas of concern.

CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) has shown an increase since the last bulletin was distributed. This was anticipated due to raising further awareness on **CSE** and possible under reporting across Hillingdon. There are discussions to help increase the reporting of **CSE**. Social media and also grooming were observed as the main trends.

20 of the 90 children were linked to CSE. Please continue to share any CSE information or concerns you have with Axis.

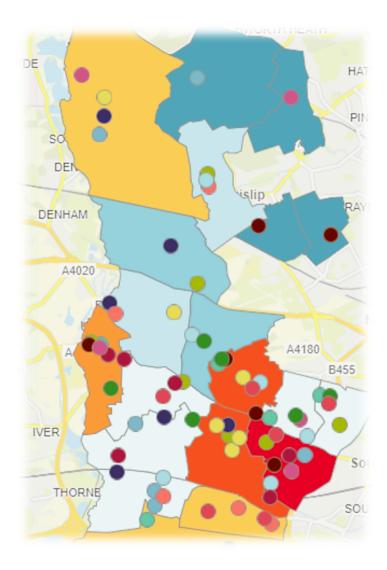
24 of these **90 children were** identified for intervention by Axis. The remainder are open to statutory services or are being currently assessed for further support by partnership agencies.

MISPER (Missing person) was seen as high with 35 of the 90 children have been at some stage reported missing. 69 pieces of intelligence was received. Almost 40% of the missing children are LAC. Main theme is going missing with a friend or to a family member.

There were also **2** high risk missing cases this month – Both of which have since returned. These are separate cases and not linked although both children are linked to **SYV**, Gangs and **PWITS**. Police and services are aware and are working towards locating the second child.

PWITS (Possession) **32** Children were mentioned and linked out of the above **90**. Main theme observed was children with relatively small amounts, although potentially enough to supply or deal to others.

Hayes and Uxbridge are our main areas of concern overall. Uxbridge being a concern as it has had more incidents and information compared to West Drayton which is not typical of usual previous trends. See map below with highlighted areas of incident:



No county lines reported. Please share if any areas or children are mentioned. The last area reported for potential county lines was Clacton on Sea some months ago.

3 children over this weekend have come to attention for possession of a bladed article. There was also a further two stabbings over a 3 day period – Hayes and West Drayton were the areas mentioned and the children involved were not linked. This is a concerning rise in **SYV** since the last bulletin.

Trading standards and **Axis** were notified of incidents in which vapes were allegedly being sold to children in a barber shop in the Eastcote area. This is being investigated and highlights the importance of joint partnership working and information sharing.



Fighting Knife Crime London

From 24 September 2024, zombie style knives and machetes will be added to the list of offensive weapons.- As taken from Police National Legal Database. Please click the above link for further information on this.

