



AXIS MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Trends and Themes

Recently, AXIS has observed an increase in the number of offences coming through police custody on a daily basis, which are concerningly of a more serious nature. These include Robbery and GBH related incidents; many involving weapons, including knives, baseball bats and metal chains.

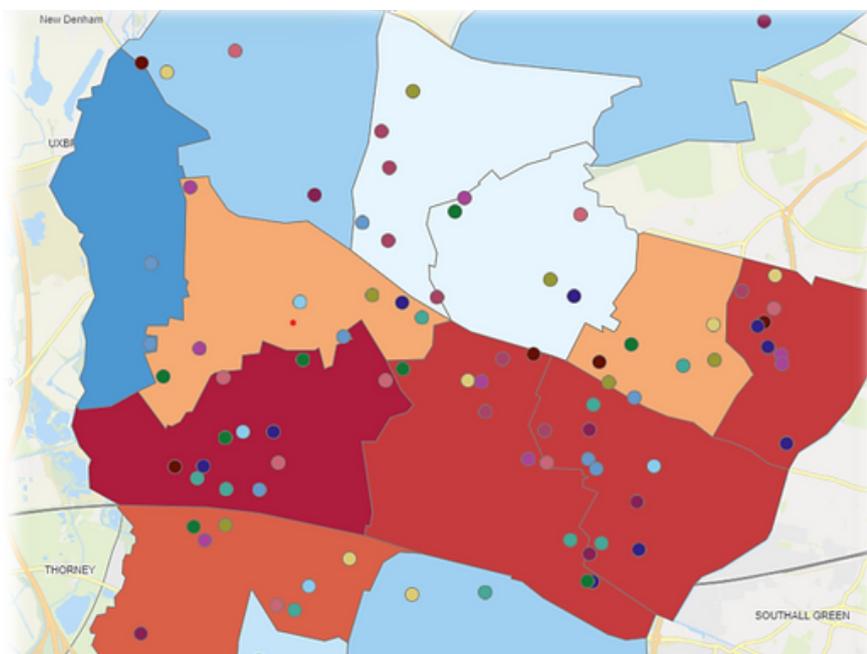
Axis observed the below when collating data from November to 7th January 2025

141 children identified at risk of CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation).
The average age was **17yrs** old and the youngest child was **8yrs** old.

Axis received **265** pieces of information from partner agencies across Hillingdon, this includes information as well as incidents reported. **77%** of those who came to attention were boys.

16 children were on a **CIN** (Child in Need) plan, **5** children were **CP** (Child Protection) and **27** children were **LAC** (Looked after Child).

Areas of concern heat map



SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE (SYV)

SYV was observed as the main concern and has been a similar theme for the past 3 months.

70 of the **141** 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. **90** Pieces of intel were received in relation to SYV and **88%** of individuals involved in SYV were **boys**.

26 children were linked to **knife related incidents**. The average age was **17yrs** old and the youngest involved was an **8yr** old in possession of a knife.

RESPONSE TO SYV

AXIS recently ran a **Safety Box Programme** at the Civic Centre on the 20th-24th January as an early intervention to CCE. We continue to work in partnership with other Boroughs and services, including schools, community safety and police.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

CSE has shown an increase since the last bulletin 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**. **19** of the **141** children were linked to CSE. Please continue to share any CSE information or concerns you have with Axis.

33 pieces of intel relating to CSE were received and the average age was **17yrs**.

Social media and also **grooming** were observed as the main trends linked to **CSE** incidents. The Below are the list of social media platforms we have recognised as being linked to CSE.



RESPONSE TO CSE

CSE has been raised across all platforms and was also discussed at the recent Strategic High Risk Panel. Axis continue to work in partnership with CSE lead at the Metropolitan Police.

Bespoke group work has taken place at Harefield Academy and will be soon undertaken at Swakeleys Girls School. Axis continue to work in partnership with KISS and other services.

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY (PWITS)

41 Children were identified to be linked to PWITS incidents. **85%** of individuals identified were male.

Main theme observed was children with relatively small amounts, although potentially enough to supply or deal to others.

Hayes and **Uxbridge** and **West Drayton** are our main areas of concern overall. **48** pieces of intel were received in relation to PWITS.

Cannabis, and **Lean** were the main drugs mentioned in this period.

RESPONSE TO PWITS

AXIS have delivered awareness workshops across schools and at Hillingdon Hospital. Axis continue to work in partnership with SORTED and this was also raised at the High Risk Panel.



What is Lean?

Lean (pictured left) is a drink typically made from a cocktail of substances including; codeine linctus (an Opiate), promethazine, paracetamol and dextromethorphan; mixed with fizzy/ fruit soft drinks.

It is purple in colour and can also be referred to as 'purple drink'

THE EFFECTS OF LEAN

Lean gets its name from the effect it has on people who drink it: they tend to slouch or lean to one side the more they consume the substance. The effects of codeine are like those of other addictive opioids (such as oxycodone and heroin). Some common effects of lean include euphoria, relaxation, feeling tired and slow, irritability, and experiencing dizziness and loss of coordination.

Typically, its effects begin to kick in within **30 to 45 minutes**, though differing amounts of codeine in lean (sometimes up to 25 times the recommended dose) can shorten onset times. The peak effects begin 1 to 2 hours after ingestion and last about 4 to 6 hours. **Lean is very addictive**, as every component can increase the amount of dopamine in the brain's reward system which leads to **addiction**.

Some serious side effects of lean include the following.

Slowed heart rate and breathing

Seizures

Dental decay

Hallucinations

Impaired Vision

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR?

If you're concerned about your child, here are a few signs they may be using Lean.

- **Drugs going missing**, as most components for Lean can be found in household cabinets
- **Behavioural changes** (acting despondent, aggressive or angry)
- **Weight loss**
- **Using drug-specific language or emojis** such as purple hearts or 'Sizzurp, syrup or dirty sprite'

For further information on Lean visit:

<https://www.healthline.com/health/what-is-lean#adding-alcohol>

MISSING PERSON (MISPER)

MISPER was seen as high with **33** of the **141** children have been at some stage reported missing. A staggering **115** pieces of intelligence was received. Almost **60%** of the missing children are **LAC**.

Main theme is going missing with a friend or being located at a family members address. The youngest child to have been reported missing was **11yrs old**. Friday and Monday are days which have an increase in young people being reported. The longest missing episode was **31 days** and the average time missing is **4days**.

RESPONSE TO MISPER

AXIS continue to work in partnership with other agencies and services.

The February 2025 edition of the monthly bulletin will consist of a MISPER special, in which themes, trends and response will be discussed in greater depth.

