

London Borough of Hillingdon LDIS Guidance

What is the Hillingdon LDIS?

The Hillingdon LDIS (Local Drug Information System) is an e-mail system designed to receive, assess, and share information concerning novel, potent and adulterated/contaminated drugs as well as uncommon but especially dangerous substances such as fentanyl. The system provides information to professionals in the local area and can issue public facing alerts if required. The LDIS is designed to create a shared awareness of these drugs to professionals and plays an important role in preventing drug related deaths both within treatment services and the wider public.

The LDIS Coordinator

Hillingdon's LDIS Coordinator sits within the council's Public Health team. It is their responsibility to act as the main point of contact for any incidents or concerns about especially dangerous and/or novel drugs in the local area. The coordinator will access information received and decide appropriate next steps, this could include raising a public facing alert, cascading information to local professionals or escalating issues to The Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID).

The LDIS coordinator's contact details can be found below:

Hillingdon LDIS Coordinator Contact Details

Kelly O'Neill, Director of Public Health

Email: publichealth@hillingsdon.gov.uk

The LDIS Network

The LDIS network is a multidisciplinary group consisting of professionals from a range of services involved in drug treatment and enforcement. These professionals receive alerts and information sent by the LDIS and are also requested in turn to send any relevant information/concerns they may have to the LDIS coordinator.

The goal of the LDIS network is to improve information and knowledge sharing amongst professionals in the borough and create a better situational awareness of any ongoing and potential issues which involve novel and/or especially dangerous drugs.

Should the LDIS coordinator decide to issue an alert or believes information they have received will be helpful for services to know, they will cascade this to the LDIS network.

Services and teams that are part of the LDIS Network:

Services/teams include:

- ARCH Hillingdon
- West London Trust
- Probation Services
- SORTED
- Child and Adolescents Services
- Hillingdon Joint Commissioners
- YMCA
- Trinity Housing
- Metropolitan Police
- CNWL
- Hillingdon MIND
- Youth Offending Service
- Hillingdon Street Outreach Team
- Hillingdon Hospital
- London Cyrenians
- North West London CCG

All members of the LDIS network are required to provide a contact email to the LDIS coordinator. If possible this should be a shared email address, but if not a primary and secondary contact email should be given. If you have not provided the necessary contact information, need to change your details or would like to have additional contacts added please contact the LDIS coordinator.

How to report concerns or incidents

If you are aware of any information involving especially dangerous and/or novel drugs, it is essential you send this information to the LDIS coordinator using a LDIS reporting form. A link to a reporting form can be found below. These forms need to be completed with as much detail as possible and with respect to confidentiality. The LDIS coordinator may need to contact you for further information so please ensure you also provide contact details on the form.

Reporting form:



Hillingdon LDIS
Reporting Form.docx

What will be done with alerts/information sent to the LDIS Coordinator

Once a form is received and the LDIS coordinator has assessed all available information, they will decide what next steps to take.

The actions they may decide to take are:

1. Issuing an alert - this can involve targeted communications to specific groups with help from relevant services, or a wider public facing alert. OHID will also be informed of the alert and if necessary, any neighbouring boroughs' LDIS. Should an alert be issued, the LDIS coordinator will



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continually assess the situation in collaboration with the LDIS network and determine if the alert needs to be altered or is no longer required.

2. Send a "For Information" email – An email will be sent to all members of the LDIS network to raise awareness about a particular incident and ask if any other teams are aware of any similar occurrences. This will not lead to an alert, but if the situation changed an alert can be made.
3. Decide the information does not require any further action. In which case the LDIS coordinator will inform the sender no further action will be taken.

Appendix 1 LDIS reporting process flow chart

