



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 concerning of a more serious nature. These include Robbery and GBH related incidents and theft of mopeds, on a number of occasions weapons have been located on these individuals.

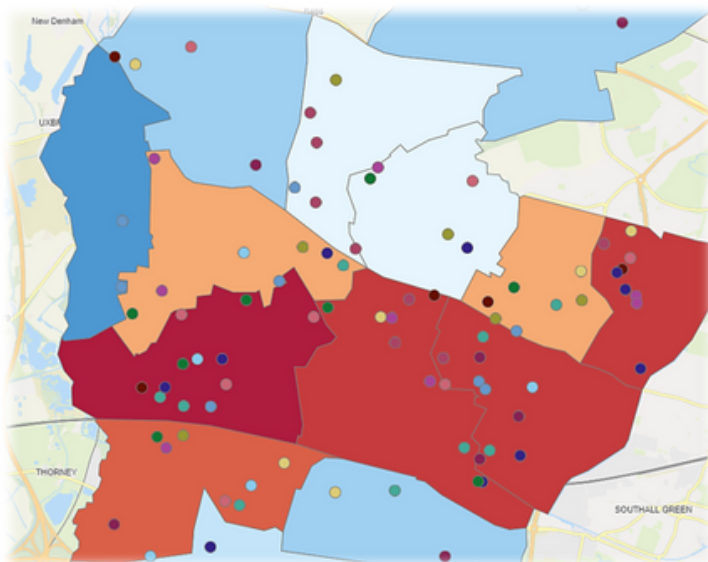
Axis observed the below when collating data from February 2025 to March 2025

126 children identified at risk of CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation).
The average age was **17yrs** old and the youngest child was **10yrs** old.

AXIS received **193** pieces of information from partner agencies across Hillingdon, this includes information as well as incidents reported. **79%** of those who came to attention were boys.

15 children were on a **CIN** (Child in Need) plan, **2** children were **CP** (Child Protection) and **32** children were **LAC** (Looked after Child).

Areas of concern heat map



SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE (SYV)

ASB was up by **40%** in comparison to the last 3 months.

Overall, **SYV/KNIFE related incidents** were up by **20%** and the related incidences are becoming more severe, for example there were **3** unlinked stabbings.

Hayes and **West Drayton** were the main areas of concern.

52 children were linked to **SYV** and **45%** of these are knife related incidents/intel.

RESPONSE TO SYV

AXIS have identified two schools in the local community which have been identified as having students which were at risk of **SYV**. As such we acted proactively and have been delivering group sessions on this within the school and as a result 4 young people came forward and wanted to hand in weapons.

AXIS have been working collaboratively with other agencies including community safety and the police on how to reduce the number of incidents involving **SYV** and **ASB** within the local community.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

AXIS has seen a **decrease** in the number of incidents/intel which is being shared in relation to **CSE** since the previous bulletin.

8 of the **126** children were linked to **CSE**. **Trafficking** was mentioned on **2** occasions and **2** incidents of young boys **grooming** young girls into sending indecent images and then distributing these.

11 pieces of intel relating to **CSE** were received. **70%** were **girl victims** and **30%** were **boy perpetrators**. There were **no boy victims** of CSE which **AXIS** were aware which raises the question as to why? is this under reporting or a wider issue?

Social media remains the main risk with older men contacting younger girls through these sites as the main theme.

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 Swakeleys School for girls, which has been very positive and has received positive feedback. **AXIS** continue to work in partnership with **KISS** and other services.

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY (PWITS)

10 Children were identified to be linked to PWITS incidents.

Potentially a link between **stealing of mopeds** and **possession of cannabis** as on a number of occasions when arrested for the theft of moped, was found in possession of cannabis.

Hayes and **Uxbridge** and **West Drayton** are our main areas of concern overall. **21** pieces of intel were received in relation to PWITS.

Cannabis was the main drug mentioned in this period. Although, one incident of **Ketamine** use and resulted in child attending hospital.

COUNTY LINES

There have been **3** unrelated mentions of **County Lines** since the last Bulletin.

One boy was arrested for supplying Class A & B between **London** and **Basingstoke**, while another was arrested in **Ipswich** with two older males, one whom was known to police/AXIS previously. Another boy was arrested in **Hemel Hempstead** for alleged County Lines involvement.

RESPONSE TO PWITS

AXIS continue to ramp up delivery of awareness workshops in schools and hospitals across Hillingdon. Partnership work continues in collaboration with SORTED to offer support to many of the young people encountering substance misuse.



What is SNUS?

Snus is a moist powdered tobacco product which is placed between the upper lip and gum. This is becoming increasingly popular with children across Hillingdon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Due to its high tobacco content, it can be **highly addictive**. SNUS can have an impact on health including increased risk of heart attacks and cancer. It can also affect oral health too, causing gingival disease, tooth loss, and oral mucosal lesions.

Gingivitis is known as an early stage of **gum disease**. If it is left untreated, it is likely to become periodontal disease. This can affect the tissues that support the teeth and jawbone.

Oral mucosal lesions are abnormal swelling or changes on the outer lining of the mouth, lips, or gums. Studies show that snus use can increase the risk of oral mucosal lesions.

Like Vaping, SNUS is becoming **increasingly popular** among young people. Although, there have been incidents where the SNUS has been laced with **THC** and therefore can become a larger problem. **2 incidents** in LBH were it was reported child was **HIGH** as a result of taking **SNUS**.

For further information on SNUS visit:

<https://www.verywellhealth.com/snus-health-risks-5089177>

MISSING PERSON (MISPER)

21 children have been at some stage reported missing since the last edition of the Bulletin, resulting in **39** pieces of intelligence being received.

The 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 **14yrs old**. Friday and Monday are days which have seen an increase in young people being reported as missing. The longest missing episode was **16 days** and the average time missing is **2days**.

RESPONSE TO MISPER

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

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

PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY

When a child is reported as missing, AXIS actively encourages all partner agencies to use our professional curiosity on the return home to explore the '**absence of the normal and the presence of the abnormal**' for example does the child have food, safety, have their basic needs been met (absence of normal), or do they have expensive gifts on their person which they wouldn't normally have? do they have extra money? Do they have expensive trainers or jewellery? or make up? (presence of abnormal).

Using **professional curiosity** can allow us to complete the missing part of the jigsaw and can identify a child at risk of exploitation and start the process of the child receiving support.

