



AXIS MONTHLY BULLETIN

JULY 2025



Trends and Themes

Between May and July AXIS has observed an increase in the number of children entering police custody. The type of offences varies but the nature of the involvements appears of a more serious nature. These include Robbery, serious assaults, and sexual offences – Many of those are now shown as on police bail with a variety of conditions to manage risks posed.

Axis observed the below when collating data from May 2025 - July 2025

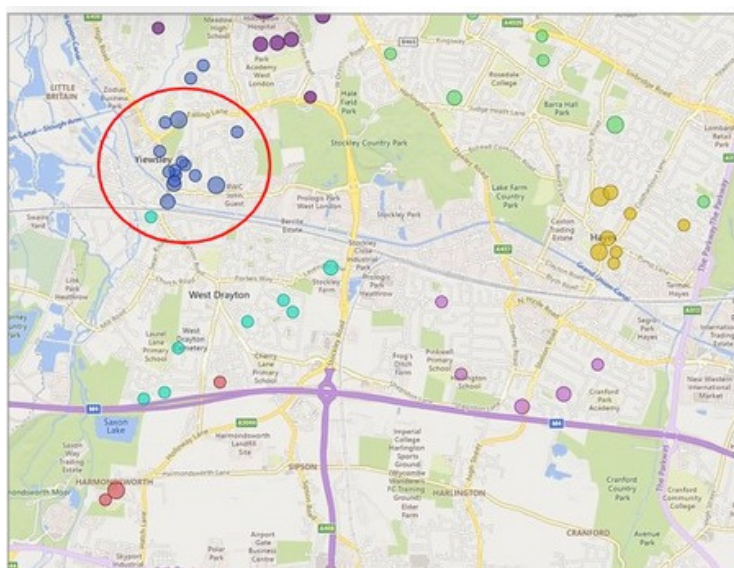
144 children identified at risk of CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation).

The average age was **17yrs** old and the youngest child was **11yrs** old.

AXIS received **211** pieces of information from partner agencies across Hillingdon, this includes information as well as incidents reported. **75%** of those who came to attention were boys.

17 children were on a **CIN** (Child in Need) plan, **9** children were **CP** (Child Protection) and **19** children were **LAC** (Looked after Child).

Areas of concern heat map



SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE (SYV)

AXIS observed a **decrease** in **anti-social behaviour incidents**, down to **28%** in comparison to **40% previously**. The initial spike in ASB appeared to be saturated in and around **Yiewsley/West Drayton area**. Collaboration with Hillingdon Council and local policing operations has addressed this spike through proactive approach and works with some of our young people.

Overall, **SYV/ASB** is still our priority concern and remains an area that that lots of work is focussed around addressing, via 1-1 and group sessions. Actual incidents have seen an **increase of 10%**, however the concern is that more children are carrying weapons, an area we encourage all practitioners to remain vigilant and report concerns.

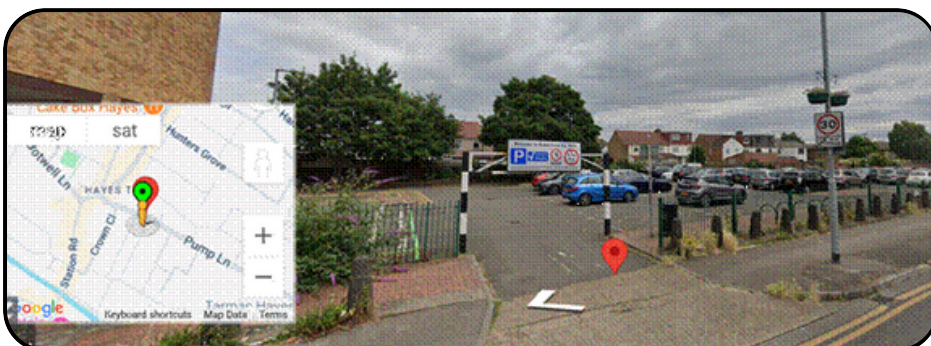
Children involved range from **11yrs to 16yrs**.

Since **May** there have been **2 occasions** where an individual has been stabbed and **one major incident** where a child was allegedly thrown from a bus during an altercation with another child.

RESPONSE TO SYV

AXIS have been continuing group work within schools and with the summer break fast approaching we have been able to provide some excellent education and intervention into making better choices when on this break for the summer and have received some excellent feedback from both schools and students.

AXIS recently supported the placement of a knife amnesty bin in **Pump Lane Car Park in Hayes** (pictured below) as a one year pilot for the disposal of **knives/weapons** and this has been well received by the local community.





On the **8th July** the **Faz Amnesty van** visited **Pump Lane Car Park** from 2pm to 5:30pm for young people to surrender their weapons with **100% anonymity**. This was a huge success.

MAKING HAYES SAFER PROJECT

This is a focused grassroots initiative tackling serious youth violence in Hayes, funded by the Violence Reduction Unit and led by the London Borough of Hillingdon. Working with schools, colleges, youth hubs, businesses, residents, and faith groups, the project offers real support where it's needed most. Upcoming highlights include a residential trip, accredited hair & beauty courses, trauma and behaviour mentoring (Hoodlessons), Life Lessons resources, AXIS school workshops, Family Lives parenting support, sports activities, community days, and the re-introduction of the Knife Bin on Pump Lane, all aimed at engaging and supporting children and families across the area.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)

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

Recent theme and concern is a potential **increase** in **Sexual Assaults** on girls.

12 pieces of intel relating to **Sexual Assaults** was received. **80%** were **girl victims**.

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

Uxbridge, Cowley and Hayes were the most common areas linked to these children, this is due to mainly LAC being involved and the location of care homes.

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**.

AXIS continue to work in partnership with **KISS** (Sexual health and relationship service) and other services.

AXIS have recently conducted CSE group sessions for Primary School children, these have been adapted to be age appropriate and have received excellent feedback.

DRUGS: POSSESSION & SUPPLYING

11 Children were identified to be linked to **PWITS** incidents compared to **25** in the last Bulletin, meaning a decrease of almost **50%**.

Hayes and Uxbridge and West Drayton are our main areas of concern overall in relation to **PWITS** incidents.

The main concern identified was **Cannabis and Class A. Cannabis** incidents appeared to be mainly for personal use, due to containing only a small supply and majority were also in possession of a **grinder**.

Balloons and Nitrous Oxide cannisters were mentioned on a number of occasions.

COUNTY LINES

There has been **1** mention of **County Lines** since the last edition of the Bulletin. This was linked to a **MISSING** episode.

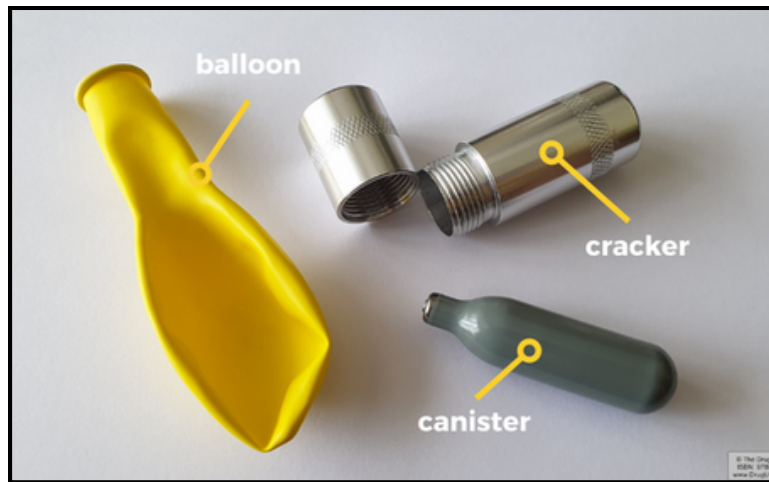
RESPONSE TO DRUG POSSESSION & SUPPLYING

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

DRUGS: OTHER

NITROUS OXIDE

Also called - Laughing gas, Noz, whippits and balloons



Nitrous oxide is inhaled. People open the canister, transfer the gas into a container (usually a balloon), then inhale from the balloon. Inhaling nitrous oxide directly from the canister is very dangerous because the gas is under such high pressure and it comes out as extremely cold. This can damage your throat and lungs, stop you breathing or slow your heart to a dangerous level. Using nitrous oxide directly from a large canister makes it harder to keep track of how much you are taking so you're more likely to suffer the negative effects of using a lot of gas. Too much nitrous oxide can make you faint, lose consciousness, or suffocate.

Affects: *Relaxed, giggly, sound distortions and/or dizzy, anxious, paranoid, headaches, unable to think straight*

For more information visit:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/nitrous-oxide>

MISSING PERSON (MISPER)

20 children have been at some stage reported missing since the last edition of the Bulletin resulting in **34 missing episodes** being reported since **May**.

60% of children reported missing were **girls** with average age being **16-17yr olds**. The main theme is going missing with a friend, visiting a boyfriend, going out or being located at a family members address.

Friday and Monday are days which have seen an increase in young people being reported as missing. The average number of days missing is **7 days**.

RESPONSE TO MISPER

AXIS have identified and raised an **intel gap** in missing episodes reported in the **North of the Borough**.

AXIS have been working proactively alongside other agencies, including police when a child is reported missing, sharing intel and working hard to locate the child as soon as possible to reduce risk of them coming to harm.

