



AXIS MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN



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A strategic overview of youth safety, risk trends and multi-agency responses across the Borough

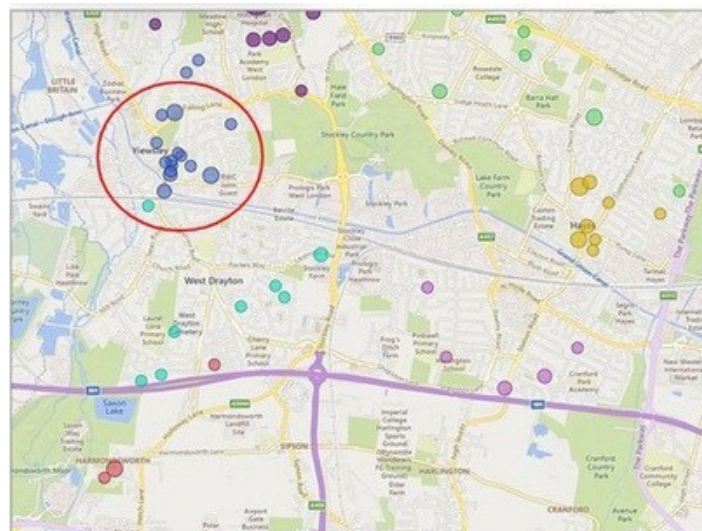
Intelligence Flow & Custody Trends

AXIS has noted a **seasonal rise** in intelligence submissions which is an expected outcome since the **commencement of the new school term**. This period has seen a **notable rise in children entering police custody**, with offences ranging from **robbery and serious assaults to sexual offences**. Several are now on **police bail**. AXIS has seen an **increase** in reference to **Firearms**, although most recent **intelligence** is referring to 'imitation firearms'.

Geographic Risk Concentration

A heat map analysis highlights **Hayes Town and Uxbridge** as emerging hotspots. **Intelligence shared by Schools** makes up a large portion of our data, with the most frequent schools sharing data from predominantly **Uxbridge, Hayes and West Drayton** areas.

Areas of concern heat map



Serious Youth Violence (SYV) & Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

On a positive note **ASB incidents** continue to **decline** from **20** children coming to attention in the last bulletin to just **16** for this reporting period.

SYV remains a top concern for the Borough and AXIS have seen an **increase** in incidents, rising from **20** children coming to notice for SYV incidents up to **28**. This may be in part related to schools starting a new term and an **increase in intel** and hostilities among particular groups being shared.

Robberies, particularly of mobile phones, remain a key SYV trigger. This is mirrored in other Boroughs across London.

86% of SYV cases involve boys, highlighting the need for bespoke targeted early interventions.

14 of these children were involved in or linked to incidents involving **bladed articles**, highlighting the need for a more proactive approach to knife crime within the Borough and potential further promoting of the **Knife Bin located in Pump Lane, Hayes**.

SYV Response Highlights

The Knife Amnesty Bin is installed at Pump Lane Car Park, **Hayes** and continued promotion of it's use is ongoing. Please do share accordingly.

Early Intervention group sessions are due to take place at **Northwood High School and Minet Junior School** in October, with a focus on **ASB and SYV** in accordance to the trends and themes we have identified.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) & VAWG

9 children were flagged for **CSE-related concerns**, down from **11**.

80% of intelligence relates to girls, with **3 linked to VAWG incidents**.

AXIS has seen a **rise in sexual assaults on girls**, often linked to domestic violence.

TikTok and Snapchat remain the most cited platforms for grooming and image distribution.

One incident relates to a report of a female being **kidnapped** from the **Uxbridge Area** during a Missing Episode.

Ofcom's Online Safety Measures, mandated by the Online Safety Act, require tech companies to implement **effective age checks** on potentially harmful content like **Pornography**, **filter harmful material** from children's feeds and **quickly tackle harmful content when detected**. This is a positive step in the right direction towards reducing exposure to harmful material, such as violent, hateful or abusive content.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE Response)

CSE remains a standing agenda item across strategic panels e.g. **Operational High Risk Panel, MAROTH**.

AXIS continues to collaborate with the **Metropolitan Police CSE Lead and KISS (Sexual Health Service)** to address CSE.

Drugs: Trends & Emerging Themes

14 children were linked to drug-related incidents during this reporting period.

Personal possession of **Cannabis** and onward distribution of **Class A substances** dominate. **Spice and LSD** have been mentioned on one occasion.

2 arrests at Notting Hill Carnival for **cannabis possession**.

AXIS has seen a **rise** in the number of **young females presenting to A&E** intoxicated with **alcohol or drugs** and we continue to work with them to divert to support services such as **SORTED**.

A Firearm was mentioned on 2 drug related incidents and due to the concern this raises, the rise of firearm mentions within intel we received has been raised on a number of platforms at a strategic level.

County Lines

There has been **1** mention of **County Lines** since the last edition of the Bulletin. This was linked to a **MISSING** episode. This involved a female child, who was involved in a police pursuit with a vehicle previously linked for County Lines.

Drug Response

AXIS is scaling up **awareness workshops** in **schools and hospitals**.

Ongoing partnership with **SORTED** (the council's **One-to-one mentoring** and counselling around **drugs and alcohol education** for **11 to 19-year-olds**) ensures wraparound support for young people facing substance misuse.

What is LSD?

LSD also known as Lysergic acid diethylamide (Acid, Drop, Dots, Lucy)

As a street drug it is **usually sold as a liquid that has been absorbed onto paper sheets (blotters)**. These sheets are subdivided into small squares, called tabs, which often have designs on them. They are placed onto the tongue where they dissolve.

LSD liquid is also occasionally dropped onto **sugar cubes or formed into small tablets called microdots**.

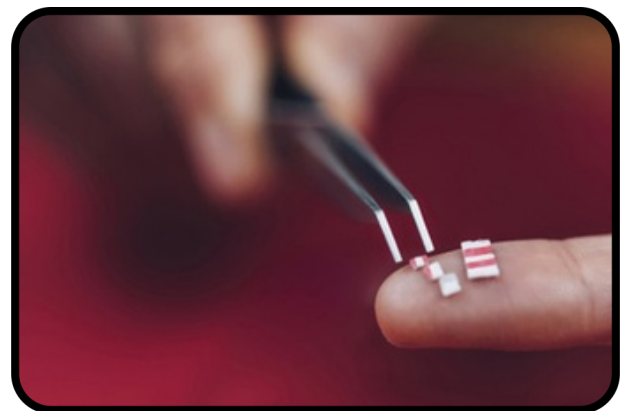
Only **tiny amounts (less than 70 micrograms)** are needed to get an effect and the strength of LSD can vary greatly. It is usually taken orally.

What affect does it have?

- Euphoria and energised
- Visual hallucinations and increased sensory sensitivity

What are the risks?

- Terrifying visual hallucinations and terrors
- Increased feelings of confusion, disorientation, overwhelm
- Increased anxiety and panic
- Risky behaviour due to hallucinations
- Distortion of reality and delusions



For more information on LSD visit:

[LSD – DrugWise](#)

Missing Persons (MISPER)

21 children were reported missing; **65% were girls** during this reporting period.

Most were aged **16–17**, with **Uxbridge, Cowley, and Hayes** as key locations that the children were linked with.

3 long-term cases (including one over 12 weeks) triggered a **multi-stakeholder action to respond to the missing episodes in line with the missing procedure**. All of whom have now been located.

Common themes: being “out with friends/boyfriends” and travelling to **London**.

Looked After Children (LAC) are frequently reported missing due to curfew breaches, returning home late or family visits. **AXIS intelligence** suggests that **90% of missing episodes** reported related to a child who is **LAC**. This is in part down to the **robust reporting mechanisms** of those who provide care for those children.

MISPER Response

AXIS continues to work closely with **police, social care, and Youth Justice Services**, ensuring rapid information sharing and coordinated action to reduce harm.

There has recently been a renewed drive to **expedite Strategy Meetings for Missing Children**.

Making Hayes Safer

The Making Hayes Safer project continues to make a strong impact, delivering targeted programmes to reduce serious youth violence in Hayes.

A **summer highlight** was a **residential trip to Wales**, run with the Children's Participation Team, where 15 boys known to services like YJS and the Adolescent Team took part in **outdoor activities and team building**. Since the trip, three have enrolled in college, **crediting the experience as life changing**.

Hoodlessons has provided behavioural mentoring in Hayes schools throughout the year, supporting young people with challenges in and out of the classroom. Their **upcoming Healing Hearts** programme will offer mentoring to children affected by **serious youth violence, helping them process grief, trauma, and the pressure of retaliation**.

Regular football and sports activities held by the **YMCA** and basketball sessions run by Transition to XL **continue year-round**, offering safe, structured environments led by qualified mentors.

Making Hayes Safer remains **committed to empowering young people** and supporting the wider community through meaningful engagement and **lasting positive change**.

