

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

November 2024	
Community Safety & ASB	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>The CCSU refresh of the Hate Crime JSNA is now complete, with the final document now having been circulated to all CSMs. The document is due to be presented at the final Hate Crime Partnership Board meeting in December. The published document can be viewed here. For more information, please email rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk.</p> <p><u>Child Exploitation</u></p> <p>Work on the Child Exploitation JSNA is now underway. The purpose of this JSNA is to explore the problem of criminal and sexual child exploitation, including modern slavery, cuckooing and county lines, and the scale of the problem in Hertfordshire. Child exploitation is a vast and nuanced topic, which ultimately must have the welfare and rehabilitation of the victims at its heart.</p> <p>This needs assessment will make recommendations based on the available evidence and research examined throughout the document. These recommendations are intended for commissioners, decision makers and partner organisations with a role in the management of children and young people at risk of exploitation or who have become victims. We have conducted the first working group meeting of this project and will now begin pulling the document together.</p> <p>If you would like to be a part of the working group, access to the survey or would like more information, please email rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk or gary.ray@hertfordshire.gov.uk.</p> <p><u>Community safety and health intelligence products</u></p> <p>The CCSU work regularly with Public Health to produce joint intelligence products where crossovers between community safety and health exist (for example, mental health and substance misuse are key risk factors for criminality and exploitation). Recent examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Early Help JSNA Briefing • Drugs Early Help JSNA Briefing • Asylum Seekers & Refugees JSNA Briefing • Domestic Abuse & Safe Accommodation JSNA • Hate Crime JSNA • Co-occurring Mental Health & Substance Use JSNA Briefing • SEND JSNA (in progress) <p>Completed intelligence documents are usually published on the Hertfordshire Public Health JSNA website. If you would like any additional information on these, please email rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p>

Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice

All detainees that are arrested (or charged) for a trigger offence for the second time in a 12-month period or are otherwise targeted through authorisation by the duty inspector, will be required to undertake an oral swab test for Class A drugs such as heroin and/or crack cocaine. Following a positive test, the offender is legally required to attend an initial required assessment (RA) & follow up assessment (FA).

If you have any queries, please contact Alex Kweller at alex.kweller@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Since October 2020 the following number of tests have been carried out across Stevenage & Hatfield Custody suites:

CSP	Positive	Negative	Refused	Total
Broxbourne	158	134	1	293
Dacorum	402	287	2	691
East Hertfordshire	164	128	0	292
Hertsmere	161	186	0	347
North Hertfordshire	153	125	0	278
St Albans	243	161	1	405
Stevenage	310	180	4	494
Three Rivers	122	97	3	222
Watford	335	206	4	545
Welwyn Hatfield	296	261	7	564
No fixed abode	253	105	22	380
Out of County	1248	1818	19	3085
Total	3888	3745	63	7696

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Drug & Alcohol Strategy

The Drug & Alcohol Strategy consultation has now closed. Responses to the public survey and, focus groups with service users and carers showed overwhelming support for the aims and objectives. Hundreds of comments have been recorded as to how services can be improved or targeted to support people with substance use issues, as well as how we approach enforcement and prevention. A full consultation report will be published on the HCC website in due course.

The draft strategy will now move through the formal process of ratification before being published in 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Co-occurring mental health & substance use

The CCSU and Public Health team have now produced a JSNA briefing on co-occurring mental health and substance use, with the aim of highlighting the extent of this occurrence both nationally and locally through literature review and data analysis. The briefing examines the evidence available on effective interventions and support for affected

	<p>individuals and go on to formulate recommendations for relevant stakeholders. If you would like any further information about this, please contact rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk.</p> <p><u>Drug and Alcohol Deaths</u></p> <p>The CCSU and Public Health are currently in the process of introducing a partnership drug and alcohol deaths surveillance system in Hertfordshire. This system is now very close to being launched, having gone through rigorous assessment with partners. Further updates will be provided in due course.</p> <p>Additionally, the annual Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit report has now been published. This report includes an overview of all death inquests concluded in 2023 to be due to drugs and/or alcohol. The report has now been circulated to all CSPs.</p> <p>If you would like any further information about this, please contact rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Hate Crime</p>	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>An awareness training videos for teachers and staff members has been launched for schools. This is available on the Grid for all schools staff members and helps schools identify what a hate crime and incident is, where to go for extra support and the importance of educating around Hate Crimes. To support this further the schools toolkit, which is fgree for all Hertfordshire schools is also available on the Grid.</p> <p>CCSU are also working with the National Police Chiefs Council to launch a training package for other areas based on the successful mock trial event which took place last year. This is being trialled with around 13 forces and will be launched nationally in January 2025.</p> <p>The Hate Crime Partnership Board will be advertising for an independent chair in January 2025 and this will be shared with partners. If you know anyone who ma be interested in applying, please do forward the advert or ask them to contact Kate Moore for an informal discussion: Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Serious Violence</p>	<p><u>Serious Violence Duty</u></p> <p>Guidance is available here: Serious Violence Duty - Statutory Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>Bids are entering the final months of funding from the Serious Violence Duty. The Home Office has not been able to confirm an extension of funding at this point, although all funding streams continue to be explored. Examples of initiatives funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuckooing countywide public facing campaign – raising awareness and encouraging reporting. • Children at Risk project – support to 50 young people who are at high risk of criminal or sexual exploitation via mentoring and groupwork.

- You Turn – supporting transition of young people aged 16+ to adult services and to change knife carrying behaviour.
- Bounce Back service – supporting young people who present at Emergency Departments with an injury as a result of violence, with onward referrals.

For a full list of results please contact Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk

The Serious Violence Strategy has been refreshed in response to the new JSNA and to reflect the work under the Serious Violence Duty and is published here: [Hertfordshire Serious Violence Strategy & Delivery Plan](#)