

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

	May 2025
Community Safety & ASB	<p><u>Child Exploitation</u></p> <p>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 has now been finalised and recommendations have now been approved by the CCSU Strategic Chairs 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.</p> <p>The final document has been circulated to all CSMs, however if you have not received the document or would like more information, please email rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk or vicki.doyle@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"> • Asylum Seekers & Refugees JSNA Briefing • Domestic Abuse & Safe Accommodation JSNA • Hate Crime JSNA • Co-occurring Mental Health & Substance Use JSNA Briefing • SEND JSNA • Ketamine-related harms Lite Bite • Health of people using substances Lite Bite • Adults Experiencing Multiple Disadvantages JSNA (in progress) • Adult Safeguarding (due to commence in June/July) <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 vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p>
Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice	<p><i>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).</i></p>

	<p>launched, having gone through rigorous assessment with partners. Key stakeholders who will input cases into the system are the police, CGL and HPFT.</p> <p>The annual Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit report is currently in production. This report will include an overview of all death inquests concluded in 2024 to be due to drugs and/or alcohol. Please note that due to limited availability for completing the data collection at the Coroner's Office, this report has been delayed this year and should be published by June.</p> <p>If you would like any further information about this, please contact vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk or rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p>
Hate Crime	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>An awareness training video 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 free for all Hertfordshire schools is also available on the Grid.</p> <p>The Hate Crime Partnership Board has conducted recruited an Independent Chair who is currently meeting board members and will take over the chairing from the 11th June 2025.</p> <p>Training for third party reporting centres is being planned for the end of June 2025 – if you have any organisations who may be interested in this training please contact Helen Whitehead on Helen.Whitehead@herts.police.uk</p>
Serious Violence	<p><u>Serious Violence Duty</u></p> <p>Guidance is available here: Serious Violence Duty - Statutory Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The Home Office has confirmed that there will be funding available for projects in 2025/26 and bids have been received and are currently being assessed. The OPCC and CCSU chairs board will work together to award this funding and hope to let successful bidders know by mid-June.</p> <p>Work has also begun on the joint strategic needs assessment refresh of serious violence, which will inform the updated strategy for 2026/27.</p>