

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

	May 2025			
Community Safety & ASB	Child Exploitation			
	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.			
	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.			
	The final document has been circulated to all CSMs, however if you have not received the document or would like would like more information, please email rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk or vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk .			
	Community safety and health intelligence products			
	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:			
	 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) 			
	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			
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	180	165	1	346
Dacorum	472	358	2	832
East Hertfordshire	185	160	0	345
Hertsmere	193	224	0	417
North Hertfordshire	180	161	0	341
St Albans	281	220	1	502
Stevenage	375	220	4	599
Three Rivers	140	113	3	256
Watford	400	255	4	659
Welwyn Hatfield	365	347	7	719
No fixed abode	253	105	22	380
Out of County	1514	2264	19	3797
Total	4593	4664	63	9320

Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice

Drug & Alcohol Strategy

Continued

The Drug & Alcohol Strategy 2025-30 has been published and is available to view at https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/public-health/hertfordshire-drug-and-alcohol-strategy-2025-30.pdf .

If your CSP would like a presentation on the strategy, please contact michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Co-occurring mental health & substance use

The CCSU and Public Health team recently 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 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.

The CCSU and Public Health team have also produced smaller intelligence products which have now been published. These include the <u>Alcohol-related long term conditions Lite Bite</u> and <u>Ketamine-related harms Lite Bite</u>. For more information, please email Rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Drug and Alcohol Deaths

The CCSU and Public Health are currently in the process of introducing a partnership drug and alcohol deaths surveillance system in Hertfordshire. This system has now been soft



launched, having gone through rigorous assessment with partners. Key stakeholders who will input cases into the system are the police, CGL and HPFT.

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.

If you would like any further information about this, please contact vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk or rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Hate Crime

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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.

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.

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

Serious Violence

Serious Violence Duty

Guidance is available here: <u>Serious Violence Duty - Statutory Guidance</u> (publishing.service.gov.uk)

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.

Work has also begun on the joint strategic needs assessment refresh of serious violence, which will inform the updated strategy for 2026/27.