

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

	August 2025
Community Safety & ASB	<p><u>Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) JSNA</u></p> <p>The CCSU are just starting on a refresh of the previous VAWG JSNA published in 2021. This will include a refresh of the public survey, which will be combined with consultation for the new upcoming VAWG Strategy with the Strategic Partnerships team. A working group will be set up to oversee progress of the JSNA. If you are interested in being a part of this working group or would like any other information on this work, please email vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk.</p> <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"> • Mental Health and Wellbeing JSNAs (adults and children) • 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 (nearing completion) • Adult Safeguarding (due to commence in autumn) <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>If you have any queries, please contact Alex Kweller at alex.kweller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Since October 2020 the following number of tests have been carried out across Stevenage & Hatfield Custody suites:</p> <table><tr><th>CSP</th><th>Positive</th><th>Negative</th><th>Refused</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Broxbourne</td><td>196</td><td>188</td><td>1</td><td>385</td></tr><tr><td>Dacorum</td><td>504</td><td>416</td><td>2</td><td>922</td></tr><tr><td>East Hertfordshire</td><td>199</td><td>185</td><td>0</td><td>384</td></tr><tr><td>Hertsmere</td><td>208</td><td>245</td><td>0</td><td>453</td></tr><tr><td>North Hertfordshire</td><td>196</td><td>190</td><td>0</td><td>386</td></tr><tr><td>St Albans</td><td>288</td><td>246</td><td>1</td><td>535</td></tr><tr><td>Stevenage</td><td>407</td><td>253</td><td>4</td><td>664</td></tr><tr><td>Three Rivers</td><td>145</td><td>128</td><td>3</td><td>276</td></tr><tr><td>Watford</td><td>428</td><td>275</td><td>4</td><td>707</td></tr><tr><td>Welwyn Hatfield</td><td>395</td><td>384</td><td>7</td><td>786</td></tr><tr><td>No fixed abode</td><td>253</td><td>105</td><td>22</td><td>380</td></tr><tr><td>Out of County</td><td>1679</td><td>2486</td><td>19</td><td>4184</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>4958</td><td>5183</td><td>63</td><td>10204</td></tr></table>	CSP	Positive	Negative	Refused	Total	Broxbourne	196	188	1	385	Dacorum	504	416	2	922	East Hertfordshire	199	185	0	384	Hertsmere	208	245	0	453	North Hertfordshire	196	190	0	386	St Albans	288	246	1	535	Stevenage	407	253	4	664	Three Rivers	145	128	3	276	Watford	428	275	4	707	Welwyn Hatfield	395	384	7	786	No fixed abode	253	105	22	380	Out of County	1679	2486	19	4184	Total	4958	5183	63	10204
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Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice <i>Continued</i>	<p><u>Drug & Alcohol Strategy</u></p> <p>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 .</p> <p>CCSU will be leading on shaping the 'Enforcement' objectives of the strategy, with an early focus on cuckooing. A cuckooing working group will be established to help standardise the cuckooing response countywide.</p> <p>If your CSP would like a presentation on the strategy, please contact michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Drug and Alcohol Deaths surveillance</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 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.</p>																																																																						

	<p>Work is ongoing to improve usage of the system among partners, including the introduction of a DARD Surveillance User Group which will be used as an opportunity for system users to feedback on their experiences of using the system and where improvements can be made to increase engagement across the county.</p> <p><u>Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit 2024</u></p> <p>The annual Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit report is now finalised. This report includes an overview of all death inquests concluded in 2024 to be due to drugs and/or alcohol. The report has been shared with all CSMs as is available to view here.</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> <p><u>Drugs and Alcohol needs assessments</u></p> <p>Work has now started on refreshing the existing Drugs and Alcohol JSNAs, last updated in 2022. These needs assessments are being refreshed through a multi-agency working group. It is expected that these documents will be finalised in the Autumn.</p> <p>If you would like to know more about this, please email vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk.</p>
Hate Crime	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>Hate Crime Awareness week will take place from the 11th of October - 18th October 2026 and the theme for this year's event in Hertfordshire is a focus on disability. An event will take place on the 15th October at the Fielder Centre. We are hoping to have some of the wonderful charities that work within Hertfordshire attending on the day and Electric Umbrella who have been working on a disability awareness campaign. If you know of anyone who would like to attend or give a talk on the day, please contact Helen Whitehead on helen.whitehead@herts.police.uk or Kate Moore Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk for further information.</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 Funding for the Serious Violence Duty has been allocated for 2025/26. Some of the projects awarded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspire Higher – a programme for males who are currently on probation with convictions for county lines/organised drug supply activity or are known to carry weapons, to help them tackle their criminality. • You Turn – specialise support for anyone 13+ carrying knives or involved in serious violence. A structured 12-week intervention plan is offered. • REPS – Sport based interventions, building on existing work in Hertfordshire to tackle serious violence. • Several projects supporting the constabulary 'Clear Hold Build' programme. <p>If anyone would like a full breakdown of the funded projects please email Karl Stonebank karl.stonebank@herts-pcc.gov.uk or Kate Moore Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk for further information.</p>

	<p>The Youth Endowment Fund has awarded Hertfordshire a small amount of funding to join their Area Leaders Programme. This will allow Hertfordshire to access good practice across the country and conduct a mapping exercise, to better understand the work that is in place around serious violence. This work will commence in October 2025, and more information will be available in due course.</p>
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