

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

February 2026	
<p>Community Safety & ASB</p>	<p><u>Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) JSNA</u></p> <p>The CCSU are currently refreshing the previous VAWG needs assessment published in 2021, which includes rerunning a public survey, in collaboration with Public Health and the Strategic Partnerships team. The survey included some additional questions this time around misogyny and views on priorities for the new Hertfordshire VAWG Strategy. The survey closed on Friday 19th September with a total of 3,358 responses and results are currently being analysed.</p> <p>The final needs assessment has now been finalised and published and was presented to the Domestic Abuse and VAWG Executive Board in December. Findings from the JSNA and the survey were also be presented at the White Ribbon event on Wednesday 10th December. The full document, including a report of the survey findings, can be found on the Hertfordshire JSNA website. If you would like to request a presentation of the findings from this work, please email 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). Information and updates on newly published and upcoming JSNA products can be seen in the latest bi-monthly JSNA newsletter link below:</p> <p>JSNA newsletter (December edition)</p> <p>Completed JSNA products 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>
<p>Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice</p>	<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>

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

CSP	Positive	Negative	Refused	Total
Broxbourne	219	228	1	448
Dacorum	573	467	2	1042
East Hertfordshire	223	220	0	443
Hertsmere	228	292	0	520
North Hertfordshire	217	214	0	431
St Albans	319	287	1	607
Stevenage	472	294	4	770
Three Rivers	168	156	3	327
Watford	495	333	4	832
Welwyn Hatfield	438	443	7	888
No fixed abode	253	105	22	380
Out of County	1938	2915	19	4872
Total	5620	6055	63	11738

Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice

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Drug & Alcohol Strategy

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> .

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. To assist with this process, CCSU will refresh the 2022 cuckooing intelligence briefing (see below).

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

Drug and Alcohol-Related Deaths

Following a year pilot of the DARD surveillance system, funding for the system will conclude in March due to limited input into the system. A user group took place in December with partners inputting into the system and it was subsequently agreed that the system will be replaced with a partnership data collection return to be collated by the CCSU, similar to the A&E Violent Assault Dataset. The aim is for this data to feed into a partnership dashboard on drug-related deaths which will also link in with the Coroners Audit, Local Drug Information System (LDIS), ambulance data and hospital admissions data.

The CCSU and Public Health are now starting work on a Drug-Related Deaths JSNA Briefing. This will include research and findings from multiple data sources including the Coroner's Audit, ONS data and hospital admissions. If you would like any further information about this, please contact vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

