

CCSU Monthly RAG Update

	August 2026
Community Safety & ASB	<u>Scams and fraud</u> The CCSU are developing a Scams and Fraud joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA). The JSNA will have a primary focus on the impact that scams and fraud have on victims and how victims can be more effectively supported in Hertfordshire. The JSNA will be developed through a small working group and will incorporate some academic research undertaken by Herts Trading Standards. If you would like to know more about this or be involved, please contact vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk <u>Community safety and health intelligence products</u> 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: JSNA newsletter (June edition) 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 <u>Substance Use in Children and Young People</u> The CCSU and Public Health are currently producing a JSNA briefing on substance use in children and young people. The briefing explores local data on the scale of substance use among children and young people in Hertfordshire, including risk factors and effective interventions. The recommendations from the briefing will be used to support delivery of Aim 3 of the Drug and Alcohol Strategy. If you have any questions, please contact Bronwyn.Edwards@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice	<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> If you have any queries, please contact Michael Nadasdy michael.nadasdy@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	241	258	1	500
Dacorum	622	518	2	1142
East Hertfordshire	247	240	0	487
Hertsmere	259	344	0	603
North Hertfordshire	233	248	0	481
St Albans	361	336	1	698
Stevenage	534	337	4	875
Three Rivers	191	189	3	383
Watford	550	384	4	938
Welwyn Hatfield	497	492	7	996
No fixed abode	253	105	22	380
Out of County	2201	3347	19	5567
Total	6275	6915	63	13253

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Drug and Alcohol-Related Deaths

The latest [Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit](#) has now been published, which covers all deaths concluded to be drug and/or alcohol-related in 2025. This report was shared with CSMs and presented to the Drug and Alcohol Strategic Board in August. The CCSU and Public Health have also recently published a [Drug-Related Deaths JSNA Briefing](#), which includes research and findings from multiple data sources including the Coroner's Audit, ONS data and hospital admissions.

As a result of the latest audit and the briefing, it has been highlighted that there have been recent increases in drug-related deaths in Hertfordshire, which are mainly being driven by deaths involving nitazenes and fentanyl. Discussions are ongoing between police, HCC and partners to monitor this trend, In the meantime, the CCSU are actively encouraging partners across Hertfordshire to ensure that any incidents involving substances that are contaminated, adulterated, highly potent or have adverse health effects are reported through the Local Drug Information System using the online [drug alert notification form](#).

As part of this wider work around drug-related deaths data, the CCSU are developing a partnership surveillance system with input from police, CGL and HPFT to improve monitoring of drug-related deaths and 'near misses' in Hertfordshire. 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, and improve opportunities for intervention.

	<u>Home Takeover/Cuckooing</u> The CCSU recently published a Cuckooing Briefing, which included a number of partnership recommendations for tackling cuckooing in Hertfordshire. A cuckooing steering group has been established to help standardise the cuckooing response countywide. An initial piece of work that CCSU will initially take the lead on is the production of a video to raise awareness of the problem of home takeover amongst frontline professionals including advice and guidance around spotting the signs and what action to take. This is being produced in partnership with the police, HSAB, HPFT and the CSPs. CCSU will organise a countywide event for awareness of the topic. If you would like any more information, please contact: Michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk <u>Access to drug and alcohol treatment</u> The CCSU have recently published a refresh of the previous Access to Treatment Briefing, which provides an overview of structured drug and alcohol treatment in Hertfordshire and identify areas and populations where engagement in treatment can be improved. The recommendations included in the briefing will be used to support strategic action under Aim 2 of the Drug and Alcohol Strategy. If you have any questions, please email vicki.doyle@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Hate Crime	The Hate Crime Partnership Board (HCPB) has planned an away day for 15th June 2026 and all current members have been invited to attend. Partners are working together to produce some communications, for both professionals and the public, in light of the recent awful incidents of antisemitism. Planning is also underway for Hate Crime awareness week, and an event will be held on the 13th October 2026. Anyone who would like to be part of this working group please contact kate.moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk The JSNA can be found here: Hate Crime JSNA
Serious Violence	The Serious violence action group held an away day at the end of February to review the previous 5 year strategy and plan for the new strategy using the Joint Strategic needs assessment as its basis. Colleagues from the Youth Endowment Fund attended and held a session to discuss the opportunities for Herts for the next 2 years. The away day was very well attended, and next steps will be to produce a refreshed strategy which will be shared with colleagues. The organisation Crest has been working with colleagues in Hertfordshire to best understand what data is held amongst partners relating to serious youth violence. At the end of the arranged workshops, recommendations on how to improve our data sharing will be made and implemented via the Serious Action Group. A serious violence board will hold its initial meeting on Friday 12th June to discuss the serious violence duty funding, and what projects may be funded for Hertfordshire.

	Following a recommendation from the Crest Advisory, the CCSU will now be aiming to refresh the data within the Serious Violence JSNA on an annual basis. The next refresh will begin in the Autumn.
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