

Wood End Park Academy

Local Concerns - September



Hillingdon – Updates

Serious Youth Violence (SYV)

Over the summer period Axis saw a decrease in SYV incidents by 118% - as mentioned in the last bulletin. Looking at data in August 2021 and August 2022 also shows a decrease in incidents relating to SYV. Data in August 2021 Axis received 185 pieces of intelligence compared to August 2022 where 57 pieces of intelligence received. This month intelligence was shared to Axis by a school within the Borough regarding a violent incident due to take place after school involving weapons and children. Axis was able to contact the relevant professionals and Childrens parents which prevented the incident from taking place and all children arriving home safely. Social Care and an Axis caseworker was then able to support families with safety plans put in place moving forwards. This was a great piece of multi-agency work and Axis would like to remind professionals the importance of intelligence sharing to prevent incidents from taking place.

Hotels

AXIS have been informed of hotels being used by children in the Heathrow area. The intelligence received explained that due to the self-check in systems children have been able to check in easily to the hotels and on some occasions some of the rooms in these hotels have been left open, so children have been able to gain access to them. Due to COVID-19 hotels have alternative ways for children to book and stay in hotel rooms making them more accessible without age verification. Hotels in the Borough have previously come to our attention for concerns around CSE and drug dealing. AXIS would like to encourage all professional to report hotels of concerns to AXIS so appropriate action can take place.

Catch 22 - New County Lines Support and Rescue Service

Catch 22 would like to introduce their New County Lines Support and Rescue Service-based in London, funded by the Home Office:

- They provide 121 specialist support to children and young adults and those around them (including family members)
- Aged Under 25 -London based
- CYA (Children & Young Adults) who are victims of county lines exploitation
- Referrals can be received from Children & Adult Social Care, ideally from the MACE panels or Equivalent, and any YP over 18 we expect referrals to be primarily received through the Probation or Police Service.
- They are particularly interested in receiving referrals for the young women & girls who may also be victims of County Lines Exploitation. In addition, for the CYA who reside in the London boroughs, if found out of area, they will also provide a Rescue service. Where required their County Lines caseworkers will travel out of hours (up until 10pm) to ensure support can be provided in a 'reachable moment' to make the most of service users receptiveness to engage. To be eligible for this rescue service they must be:
 - Aged Under 25
 - Resident of London borough
 - Found in an exploitative/victim county lines situation
 - Rescues will be assessed and considered prior only if the above points have met criteria
 - Referrals for the rescue will come primarily through the police (via QR code of link below)