

Wood End Park Academy

Local Concerns - May



Hillingdon – Updates

Female Serious Youth Violence

Previous reports from Axis regarding the increase of female children and young people, continue to remain a concern. Data showed an increase by over 10% for the 2021/2022 period. Since November 2021, Axis have received 118 pieces of intelligence relating to SYV incidents and females. Axis had 46 females, 2 females have since turned 18, involved in these incidents with the average age of 15 years old: and the lowest age being 12.

Overall, Axis was able to identify 15 children from the intelligence, and was able to complete intervention (4), offer advice and guidance (2), currently engaging with Axis Caseworkers (5) for intervention. It must be noted that 2 of the identified females declined support. In addition, Axis identified 5 of the females were on a mixture of statutory plans within Children Services or within Youth Justice Service. The areas of concern for females SYV are currently Uxbridge, West Drayton, Eastcote and Hayes. Research continues to remind us that the involvement of girls and young women involved in or at risk of SYV and exploitation is said to be underestimating and growing (LGA, 2021). Axis continue to encourage professionals to remain curious and be aware of tensions in the community.

YUBO app

Axis have been informed of the app “YUBO” formally known as “Yellow” which is being advertised as a dating app for under 18s. The app is been referred to as “Tinder for Teens”. Pitched towards teenagers and young adults aged 13 to 17, the app allows users to create video livestreams with up to 10 friends. The app heavily promotes live streaming as the primary chat method, allows chat groups to be set up with no filter on content or topics along with features very similar to apps like “Tinder” such as swiping left/right on profiles for people in your area. There have been reports of sexual offences after meetings arranged through this app, and concerns are raised due the content young people can be exposed to using it

Serious Youth Violence within the Borough

Over the last three weeks the Axis have been notified of several stabbings with two incidents sadly resulting in fatalities. On 30th December Police were called to reports of a fatally injured child at the Phillpotts Farm Open Space; close to Heather Lane in Yiewsley. On 31st December a child attended A&E after being stabbed in the arm after attending a party in Hayes. On January 1st Police were called to reports of an adult male who was found with two stab wounds. This incident took place on Cowley Road. In addition, the Police received reports of two adult males being stabbed at a local University, on the same evening. On January 4th Police were called to Yiewsley High Street following the fatal stabbing of an adult male.

Rise in CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) related incidents by males

Axis have seen an increase in CSE incidents where males are identified as the perpetrator. Between the months of June 2021 through to August 2021, six males came to the attention of Axis; followed by ten males in September 2021 to November 2021. These incidents have included inappropriate touching, sexual harassment and nudes/sexually explicit images. From August to December of 2020 only 4% of our CSE cases were identified as male. In comparison to the same months in 2021, Axis saw a rise in males involved in CSE by an increase of 40%. Over the past six months Axis have seen eleven males come to attention for CSE related incidents and the youngest being 11yrs old. However, the average age of those coming to attention of Axis in relation to CSE related incidents is 15yrs old.