

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AXIS INVOLVEMENT

Information/Intelligence of a child residing within Hillingdon with concerns shared with AXIS would identify areas of need within at least **one of the four domains highlighted.**

<p>Serious Youth Violence (SYV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Truancy / at risk of exclusion / missing education / on reduced timetable or considerable change in performance at school ➤ Volatile behaviour exhibiting extreme array of mood swings or abusive language which is unusual for the child ➤ Aggressive or violent including to animals, parents, siblings, teachers or peers ➤ Previous involvement with YJS ➤ Anti-Social behaviour including petty crime ➤ Involved in various conflicts ➤ Carrying weapons ➤ Potential affiliations with local or opposing gangs ➤ Unexplained injuries ➤ Visible online conflict on social media platforms ➤ Evidence of misuse of drugs / alcohol, including associated health problems ➤ Associating with other children who are known to be exploited, including in school 	<p>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)/any other exploitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Physical injuries such as bruising ➤ Repeated sexually transmitted infections (STI's) ➤ Pregnancy and / or seeking a termination/emergency contraception ➤ Risk taking behaviour without recognising the impact or consequences ➤ Secretive behaviour ➤ Poor self-image and low self-esteem, poor mental health ➤ Inappropriate online behaviour ➤ Change in appearance ➤ Sexual relationship with a significantly older person ➤ Disclosure of sexual /physical assault followed by withdrawal of allegation ➤ Coerced into sexual activity ➤ Social activities with no plausible explanation of the source of necessary funding ➤ Entering or leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults
<p>Missing Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unable to be reached after leaving home address ➤ Returning home with new items, and no explanation ➤ Mobile phone being answered by unknown adult / person ➤ Inappropriate use of the Internet and forming relationships, particularly with adults ➤ Persistently missing from home or placement for different periods, including overnight or returning late ➤ Returning after having been missing and being secretive about where they have been and who they were with ➤ Returning after having been missing looking dirty, dishevelled, tired, hungry, thirsty ➤ New contacts with people outside of town 	<p>Possession with Intent to supply (PWITS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Risk taking behaviour without recognising the impact or consequences ➤ Excessive use of mobile phones including receiving calls late at night, possession of a 2nd phone/simcards ➤ Detachment from age-appropriate activities ➤ Changes in relationships with /family members ➤ Exposing or recruiting other children into exploitative situations ➤ Seen in adult places (i.e. pubs and clubs) or venues known to be used for exploitation or criminal activity ➤ Phone call, texts or letters from unknown adults ➤ Possession of money, clothes, accommodation or other expensive items with no plausible explanation

**Please note that these are examples of possible concerns being identified for intervention – but not exclusive to the only indications for intervention under the four categories.*

Children are identified on a weekly basis, and if the concerns meet the eligibility criteria for involvement, an AXIS Prevention Case Worker is allocated to the child.

There are four ways that an AXIS Prevention Case Worker can provide support to a child:

- Intelligence/Information of a child must be identified as meeting **at least two indicators within any of the four domains** that AXIS Service focuses on (SYV, *Child Sexual Exploitation/any other exploitation, PWITS and Missing Children*). The child cannot be open to any other statutory service. This is mainly to avoid duplication of work and ensure long term sustainability.
- A child must identify **significantly with only one domain**, and circumstances be deemed complex, whilst working with a statutory service, offering bespoke intervention as a response for prevention. Case Consultation must be completed to agree role of AXIS with child. **It should be noted that priority will be given to children that are not open to statutory services.*
- Professional network working with a child already opened to a statutory service, can be allocated an AXIS Prevention Case Worker as a point of contact for support/guidance in regard to intervention with relevant partners.
- Upon request AXIS Prevention Case Workers can assist in completing a Return Interview (RI) after a child has returned home/placement. This will need to be agreed by both managers before going ahead.

Process of Engagement with a child

- Once an AXIS Prevention Case Worker has been allocated to a child, there is a requirement to contact the parent/guardian to gain consent within the next 48 hours; before meeting the child.
- The child and parent/guardian will be asked to sign an information sharing agreement.
- AXIS Prevention Case Worker will ensure an Early Help Assessment (EHA) is completed, gaining both the child and parent/guardian's views, history and needs. An EHA does not need to be completed, if one has been completed within the last six months. However, the EHA should be updated with any new information.
- The AXIS Prevention Case Worker will create an action plan which will explore aspects of risks that pertain to the child out in the community, and work with the child on reducing/preventing identified risks.
- Whilst working with a child the AXIS Prevention Case Worker will actively seek to engage the child/family with relevant agencies including third sector partners to deliver targeted interventions e.g. drugs, education, housing, mental health, careers etc.
- The AXIS Prevention Worker can work with a child for up to 24 weeks. If involvement needs to be increased after this period, intervention is reviewed every 6 weeks until closure.

- Before closing a case, an AXIS Prevention Case Worker will ensure a closure meeting is held for child and parent/guardian, in order to share developments and any signposting.
- All intervention with child is recorded on their file, which they can access in the future
- Feedback from child, parent/guardian and any partners are requested once intervention has ended.

If the child discussed does not meet the criteria for allocation, Senior/Youth Network Crime Practitioners can support the child by signposting to a more suited service such as:

- Adolescent Development Service
- Stronger Families
- CAMHS/FCAMHS
- Other Health Services
- St. Giles Trust
- Rescue & Response
- Universal Services
- Speech and Language Therapy Team (SALT)
- Police Youth Engagement
- Adolescent Development Team
- Mobile Detached Team
- Child and Adolescent Bereavement Service (CABS)
- Catch 22
- Other Third-Party Sectors

AXIS Service are willing to reassess children previously identified for intervention, if further updates are shared in regard to an increase of concerns in the community.