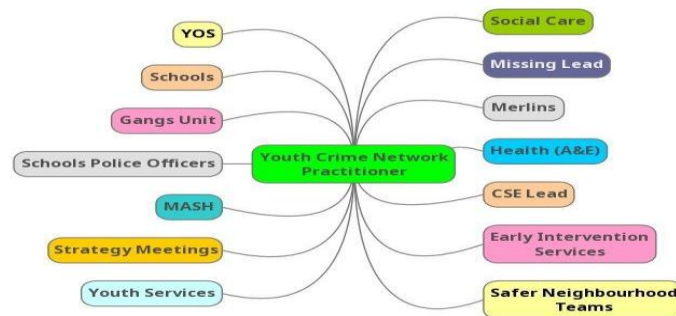


AXIS

Keeping Hillingdon's young people safe from criminal exploitation using smart, innovative analytics to identify, intervene, prevent and disrupt with targeted resources.



AXIS is fast gaining traction as a state-of-the-art programme, which can make a real difference to children at risk of exploitation. Borne from an innovative partnership between Hillingdon Council and the Office for Data Analytics (ODA), it is becoming a beacon of good practice for local authorities, the Metropolitan Police and other police forces as a means of sharing, organising and applying information, in a way that practically informs meaningful interventions that divert young people from child sexual and other exploitation.

AXIS has piqued the interest of: Youth Offending Services, Principal Social Work Network, Local Government Association, Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government, Ministry of Justice, Department of Education and the Association for Directors of Children's Services. Data mapping is the future of targeted intervention and joint commissioning to keep more children safe and free from statutory intervention. It whet the appetite of the Deputy Mayor for policing in London, who wants to learn from the project to benefit more young people. At a time when the UK and the Children's Commissioner is feeling rising anxieties due to county lines, child sexual exploitation, gangs and knife crime, AXIS, funded by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (London), presents a pioneering, non-invasive solution, which has delivered ambitious outcomes for 79 young people in Hillingdon, since its launch in October 2017.

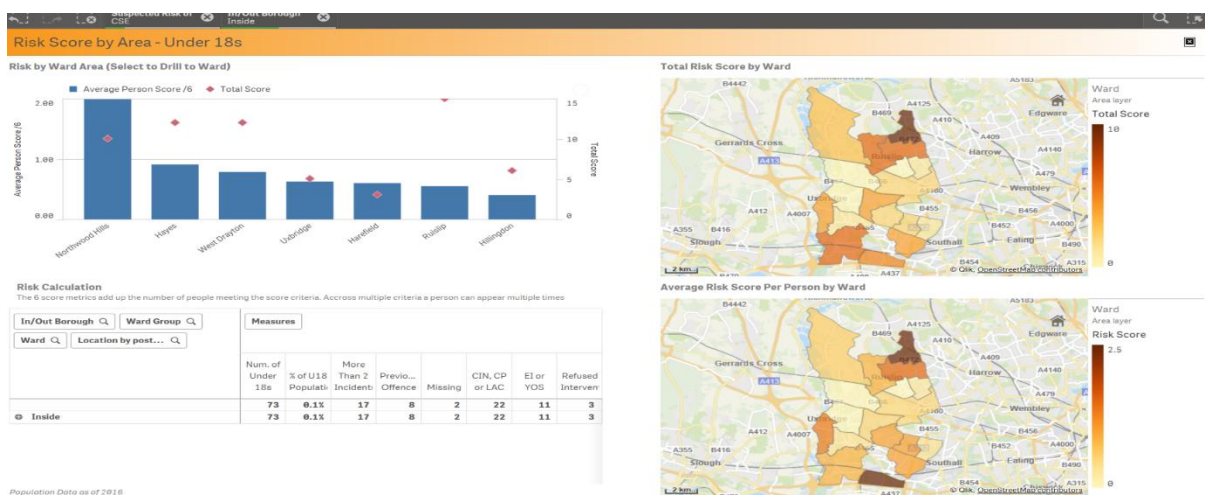
"The presentation on the AXIS project was extremely impressive and the work has so much potential for safeguarding and prevention across CSE and violence. The access to multiple partner databases and the use of the analysis to inform joint tasking's demonstrates really strong partnership working"

Steve Bending - Mayor's Office for Police and Crime

Young people at the heart of intelligent data mapping

Hillingdon Council, alongside the ODA under Avon and Somerset Police Crime Commissioner, developed an exclusive, visual, analytical data set to identify individual young people at risk of exploitation through mapping associations, risky behaviours and hotspots. The sophisticated visual and emerging predictive analytical capabilities inform activity at an individual, operational and strategic level.

AXIS pivots on information sharing, through a central mechanism that underpins triangulation and review. AXIS analyses information from the police, education, social care, health, youth offending, schools, youth services, community groups and the public, to identify and share themes and trends across agencies. AXIS ensures accurate risk analysis of young people, groups, locations and activity to drive delivery programmes.



It enables a prompt response to emerging issues. For example, the system identified developing themes in the north of the borough, which led to the deployment of the Mobile and Detached Youth Work Team and on the first evening, 35 young people were engaged and diverted!

AXIS has enabled further ground-breaking interventions in Hillingdon. Our wraparound Adolescents Team launched in November 2018, in partnership with the What Works Centre and Cardiff University, to enable young people more choice in statutory intervention and personalised budgets, using AXIS intelligence, to prevent, intervene and disrupt.

Inspiring joint-up thinking and collaborative working

“AXIS help us tackle serious youth violence and CSE and other crimes that impact on young people. Having easy access to data allows the police to direct their patrols and interventions in hotspots.” **Rob Bryan - West Area Neighbourhood Inspector**

The Risk-Vulnerability Panel replaced the traditional Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) panel in June 2018. Here AXIS provides pivotal data to help multi-agency leaders identify gaps in service delivery and jointly commissions interventions, to keep Hillingdon’s children safe and keep exploiters off our streets.

The monthly AXIS Bulletin provides partners with key information on each of the projects’ threads, visual analytics, developing initiatives and emerging themes , e.g. street language and drill music.

Extract from AXIS Bulletin December 2018

Below are current slangs being used by young people with the definition next to it:

Waps	→	A firearms
Loud / Loud packs	→	Cannabis -“smoking / blowing on a loud pack”.
Hit the stripes	→	Refers to dealing drugs
Done out ere	→	A disregarding phrase implying that a person has forfeited or lost their opportunity or position.
He or she is tapped	→	Implying that the person has lost their mental ability to function.
A Nitty	→	Refers to a drug addict.
Mad ting / sad ting	→	An unfortunate circumstance or situation
No cap	→	Refers to the phrases such as “No lie”, “I swear” or “On God”. Emphasis on making a true statement.

“AXIS have developed key relationships with students resulting in the swift identification of concerns e.g. parties and possible sexual exploitation. Working alongside AXIS has enabled Innov8 to reduce risks young and help to support our learners into positive futures.”

Alison Harvey - Innov8

Helping young people who need it most:

Young people experiencing contextual risk are often the most difficult to engage. Early identification gives a window of opportunity to wrap services around young people before they suffer harm or become trapped in the web of criminal exploitation. The AXIS target group is young people at risk of, or involved in possession with the intent to supply drugs (county lines), CSE, serious youth violence and children missing from home, school and care.

"I was getting into trouble at school and fighting lots, but since I met with Austin he has helped me by talking to me and helping me do good things with my time"
Male 15 years old

Young people identified at risk, who are not already receiving an early help/statutory intervention, receive a rapid AXIS assessment. The two AXIS case workers build trusting relationships with young people and their families and support them to access activities for sustainable, long-term diversion from criminal activity and exploitation.



Where the young person has a statutory lead professional, information collated by AXIS informs risk assessment and risk management, resulting in more robust interventions. It further helps to identify perpetrators of child exploitation.

"AXIS helped me to achieve and focus on what I wanted in my life and change my lifestyle. I got confidence and got onto an apprenticeship in construction. I don't go out and hang around the streets anymore getting into trouble"
Male 17 years old

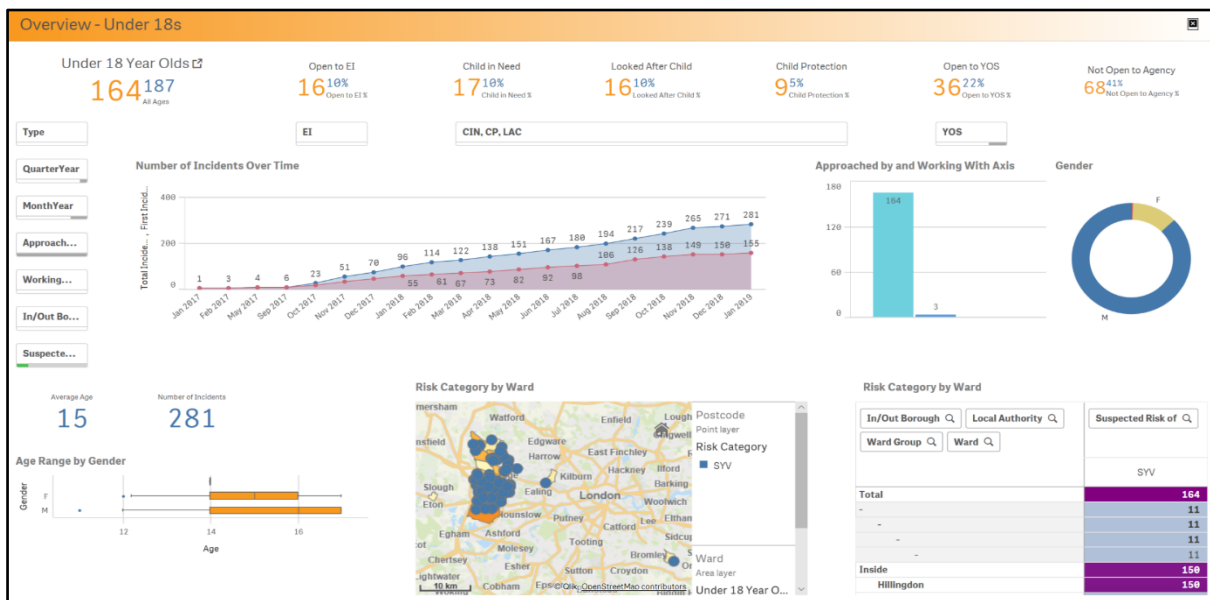
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"Without AXIS my son would have got into serious trouble. They have helped him and me to understand how he could get hurt and made to do things that could hurt other people. He is not hanging around with bad friends anymore and has got into Prince's Trust which I am really proud of"
Mother of 14-year-old male

Young People:

- Between October 2017 and October 2018, 295 Hillingdon young people identified as potentially at risk of exploitation
- 175 of these were open to Early Intervention/Youth Offending Service/Children’s Social Care
- 79 were identified as requiring AXIS intervention
- 1 has come to further attention after engagement

"AXIS were so supportive and helped me to get my life back on track. Without AXIS helping when they did I would not have been able to get away from the bad choices I was making. I now have a safe place to live and people that can help me get a job. They have inspired me to do the same job when I am older"
Female 17 years old



"Thank you for your time and attention keeping Z safe. You also helped me understand the risks"
Mother of 16-year-old-male