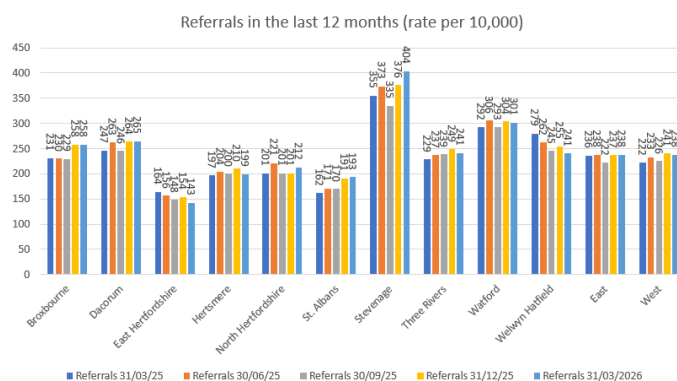


Appendix 2 – Comparative District Data 2025-2026.

Please note this data is prepared and presented by Herts County Council and contains whole district referrals rates, not limited to those made by local district councils. North Herts Council accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of this data and is unable to provide further analysis. It is shared for your information and interest.

Figure B1 – Referrals to Children Social Care by Districts, 2025-2026.

Referrals to Social Care by District



As at 31/03/2026

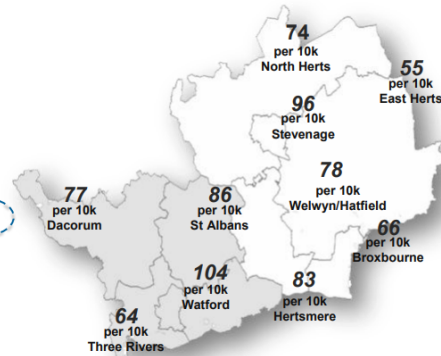
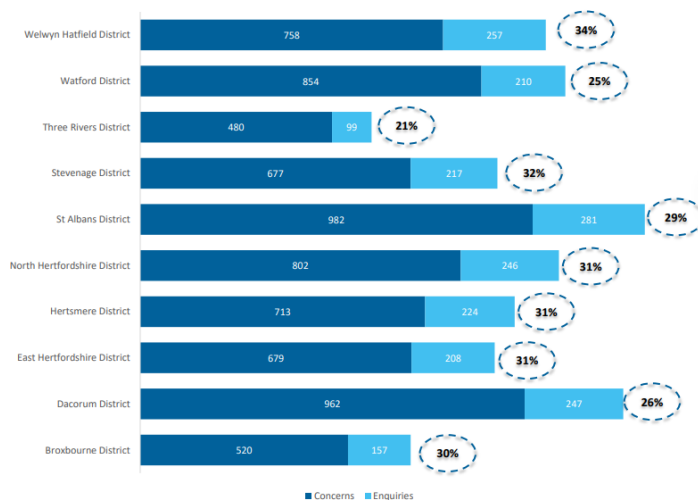
- Stevenage continued to have the highest rate of referrals with an increase in Q4 to 404 per 10,000.
- Watford continued to have the 2nd highest rate at 301 per 10,000, though a reduction on 304.
- East Herts had lowest rate at 143 per 10,000.
- East and West are the same this quarter.

St Albans	East Hertfordshire	Three Rivers	North Hertfordshire	Hertsmere	Dacorum	Welwyn Hatfield	Watford	Broxbourne	Stevenage
0.173	0.192	0.195	0.229	0.266	0.277	0.295	0.333	0.347	0.352

Figure B2 – Referrals to Adults Social Care and HPFT (SPA), 2025-2026.

A closer look by District

This section shows on a district level the splits in the number of concerns and enquiries for HCC and HPFT. This is calculated on activity for the year to date from April 2025 - March 2026 - per 10,000 population (HCC & HPFT data unless stated otherwise). Please note this data is based on the Adult's postcode not the location of abuse.



- Watford with the highest number of concerns in 2025-26. Last year Stevenage were the highest for 2024/25.
- Followed by Stevenage (96) and St Albans (86).
- East & North with an average conversion rate of 31%, West average conversion rate is 26%.

Figure B3 – Categories of risk and concern in referrals to Social Care and HPFT SPA

Breakdown - Type of Risk

This section references concluded enquiries (unless otherwise stated). It looks at the types of risk for enquiries concluded in the year 2025/26 (HCC & HPFT data unless stated otherwise).

