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## Murder investigation launched in Hayes

**Detectives have launched a murder investigation after a man was found with gunshot wounds in Hayes.**

Police were called to Austin Road shortly before 22:00hrs on Tuesday, 13 October, to reports of a shooting.

Officers attended along with paramedics from the London Ambulance Service and a 23-year-old man was found with gunshot injuries.

Despite the efforts of emergency services, he was pronounced dead at the scene a short time later.

His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specially trained officers.

A post-mortem examination will be held in due course. Formal identification has not taken place.

A burnt-out car was also recovered a few miles from the scene.

Homicide detectives from the Met's Specialist Crime Command are leading the investigation.

Two men in their 20s arrested in connection with the incident have subsequently been released without further action.

**Detective Chief Inspector Katherine Goodwin, from the Met's Specialist Crime South team, leading the investigation, said:** "Firstly, my thoughts are with the family and friends of the young man who lost his life last night. I want to reassure them and the wider community that my team and I are working hard to find out what led up to this tragic incident.

"I must stress that the investigation is very much in its early stages and while we have made two arrests, we are continuing to follow all lines of inquiry and remain open minded as to who was responsible. I would ask that anyone who was in the vicinity of Austin Road around 10pm and witnessed anything suspicious to get in touch with us. Please share anything you saw with either the police or [Crimestoppers](#), no matter how insignificant you think it may be."

Anyone who has information that could assist police is asked to call 101 quoting reference Cad 7454/13Oct.

Alternatively, tweet @MetCC, or to remain 100% anonymous, contact the independent charity [Crimestoppers](#) on 0800 555 111.

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