



Know the signs of County Lines

Do you have information on students being coerced into running drugs or having their accommodation used as a base for drug dealing?

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Drug gangs don't care about the damage they inflict on the students they recruit, coerce and exploit.

What is County Lines?

County lines refers to the dedicated phone line organised criminal gangs use to supply illegal drugs into suburban, rural and coastal areas. Drugs are transported and distributed by children/vulnerable people who have fallen victim to the promise of money, gifts and drugs. They suffer violence, intimidation, abuse, and control.

Spot the signs:

- Surplus cash, new clothes, phones
- Excess number of calls or texts
- Gang associations
- Adopting a new nickname
- Unexplained injuries/self-harm
- Changes in emotional well being

Information to pass on:

- Names, descriptions and distinguishing features of controlling individuals and/or associates
- Mode of transport used e.g. Train routes, hire car make, model and registrations etc..

What is cuckooing?

Cuckooing is when a criminal gang takes over someone's home and uses it to store, use or sell drugs. Victims traditionally included drug users and vulnerable individuals. There is a growing concern student accommodation is being targeted and cuckooed.

Spot the signs:

- Occupied by someone else or non-students regularly staying over
- Visitors calling by at all times
- Curtains/blinds continually closed
- Frequent use of fast food
- Undue rubbish and signs of drug use
- Increased antisocial behaviour

Information to pass on:

- Descriptions and names of individuals involved
- Details of regular taxi or food delivery companies visiting

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