



Safeguarding Update January 2019

A reminder that should you have a concern you must complete the 'Safeguarding Concern Form' on MIS.

Click [here](#) to access it.



Keeping our children and young people safe

If you are interested in attending a Safeguarding related course, the LSCB run a number of training events. Information can be found [here](#).

A reminder that should you know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) , Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and safeguarding officers are and what to do if you receive a disclosure. Click [here](#) for guidance.



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County Lines

County Lines or 'going country' is a form of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

County lines — a new form of modern-day slavery

Inner-city gangs are trafficking children to sell drugs in towns and villages across Britain — a practice known as "county lines". Why are their victims being criminalised?

Katie Glass



The National Crime Agency estimates that a gang can make an average of £2,000 a day from a county line

Private school pupils at risk of 'county lines' exploitation, warn agencies – click [here](#) to read the story

Warning Signs

- Truancy or a drop in performance at school
- Mood swings, aggression towards others
- Bruising on their arms or body
- Regularly using drugs or drinking alcohol
- Self-harm – e.g. cutting or eating disorders
- Change in appearance, or borrowing clothes from others
- Always tired
- Unexplained relationships with older people
- Staying out late, not returning home
- They have unexplained gifts, expensive clothes, mobile phones
- Unexplained money, frequently taking part in activities requiring money

Extent of the problem

Almost all police forces (38/41) identified this form of exploitation taking place in their area

The Children's Commissioner estimates there are at least 46,000 children in England who are involved in gang activity. It is estimated that around 4,000 teenagers in London alone are being exploited through child criminal exploitation, or 'county lines'.

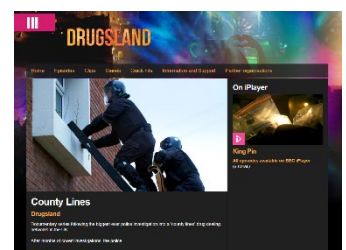
Who is vulnerable to county lines exploitation?

The national picture on county lines continues to develop but there are recorded cases of:

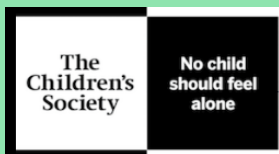
- children as young as 12 years old being exploited or moved by gangs to courier drugs out of their local area; 15-16 years is the most common age range
- both males and females being exploited
- White British children being targeted because gangs perceive they are more likely to evade police detection but a person of any ethnicity or nationality may be exploited
- the use of social media to make initial contact with children and young people
- class A drug users being targeted so that gangs can takeover their homes (known as 'cuckooing').

BBC documentary.

The BBC has created a documentary on County Lines. It is an excellent watch and is thoroughly recommended. Click on the image opposite to watch it



Good websites for further information. Click on the them to go to the appropriate pages.



Important Reminders

Prevent Training

SHS is committed to the Prevent Programme. Everyone should now have completed the Prevent e-learning. If you have not already done so, this must be completed by the end of January 2019. Click on the picture below to access the training.

**YOU HAVE ACCESSED THE
E-LEARNING TRAINING ON PREVENT**

NSPCC Whistleblowing

If you are not happy with the way you feel we are managing your safeguarding concern, you can seek advice and support via the NSPCC's: [Whistleblowing Advice Line Support for professionals who are worried about children in the workplace](#)

Click on the image for more information



United Learning Hub



Fiona Lyons is the Lead Safeguarding Officer for the Group.

The Hub has a range of publications as well as links to statutory guidance and useful websites.

[Click here to access the safeguarding page.](#)

To log into the Hub, you will need to click on Surbiton High in the drop down menu and then use your School username and password.