

## SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION

Look out for the following signs which may indicate someone is being exploited:

- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Unexplained absences from school
- Having a new or second phone and getting more calls or texts
- Being in possession of drugs or increased drug use
- Carrying weapons or having access to them
- Being seen with people you don't know, getting into different cars
- Unexplained injuries or change in appearance
- Change in mood
- Self-harming
- Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (clothes, jewellery)

**IF IT IS HAPPENING TO YOU OR YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE THEN TELL A TRUSTED ADULT.**

## WHERE TO GO FOR HELP AND ADVICE:

**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111



**missing  
people**



**YEAR 9  
County Lines**

**HELP AND ADVICE**

## WHAT IS COUNTY LINES?

County Lines is the term used to describe the organised, illegal movement of drugs into smaller towns and rural communities by organised gangs using young people and vulnerable adults.

Gangs from cities such as London and Birmingham are operating in Gloucestershire.

It is also known as Exploitive Drugs Networks



## WHO MIGHT BE TARGETED?

The gangs will target people who they are believed to be vulnerable

- Someone suffering from poor mental health
- Young people
- Someone who is lonely
- Drug addicts
- People in debt



## CUCKOOING – SPOTS THE SIGNS

Cuckooing is when drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person, using it as a base to sell drugs.



### YOU CAN LOOK OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING SIGNS IN YOUR COMMUNITY::

- More visitors and vehicles going to the house
- More anti-social behaviour occurring nearby
- New faces staying at the address
- Regularly changing residents at the house
- Resident not seen coming in or out of their house suddenly
- Change in the resident's mood e.g. unhappy, withdrawn, depressed

**IF YOU THINK THIS IS HAPPENING TO SOMEONE, PLEASE REPORT IT.**