




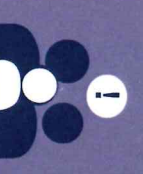





Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:






 Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area	 Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones	 excessive receipt of texts or phone calls	 Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association	 Leaving home or care without explanation
 Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries	 Parental concerns	 Significant decline in school performance	 Significant changes in emotional well-being	

If you have concerns, follow your safeguarding procedures and share your concerns with local authority social care services.



Gangs involved in drug crime and child exploitation operate in rented property. Know the signs to spot.

County line drug gangs rent property where they operate. Children exploited by these gangs (to courier drugs and money across the country) are often housed in the rented property. A tenant involved in county lines might:

 offer to pay rent for a long period (e.g. 6 months) upfront in cash	 appear affluent but want to rent an inexpensive property	 be unable to provide landlord or employment references
 prefer to pay rent in cash without good justification	 prevent you from inspecting your property when given reasonable notice	

Landlords and letting agents who have concerns that a prospective tenant might be involved in County Lines activity should report it to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 1111.