

Iverson Trust

Parent Webinars- County lines



protecting
children, supporting
families

What we will cover tonight



What child criminal exploitation is and specifically County lines.

How to recognise the signs of child exploitation

Look at the behaviours of exploited children and those exploiting them.

How online platforms are being used to recruit and groom children.

Give you an opportunity to ask questions

Staying safe:



The content of the webinar can be distressing to hear. Please feel free to leave the session or contact us if you have been affected by the content.

This session isn't suitable for children. We have a follow-up session in which you can join with your child/children

Please do not share any personal or identifying information about you or your children. If you need to access support contact us directly to remain safe.

Child exploitation from the view of a young person.



**Child exploitation
can affect anyone.**

What is child criminal exploitation



Today we will cover County lines in detail, but this is not the only form of criminal exploitation.

- Drug running
- Burglary/Theft/Fraud
- Online
- Holding/carrying weapons/money/drugs

What is a county line and how does it work?



How are children groomed?



Target children by putting themselves in places and spaces children are. All children in all areas of the Country are vulnerable.



Test the child's loyalty.



Trap. Creates debts (debt bondage), blackmails, threatens, harms and isolates.

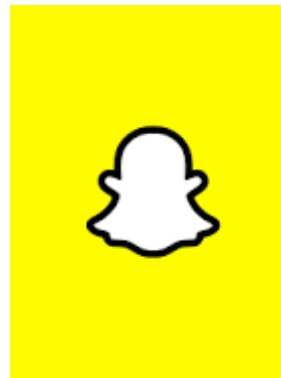
Or creates a distorted view of the relationship and the child trusts them

How are offenders using social Media and apps to recruit and sell?





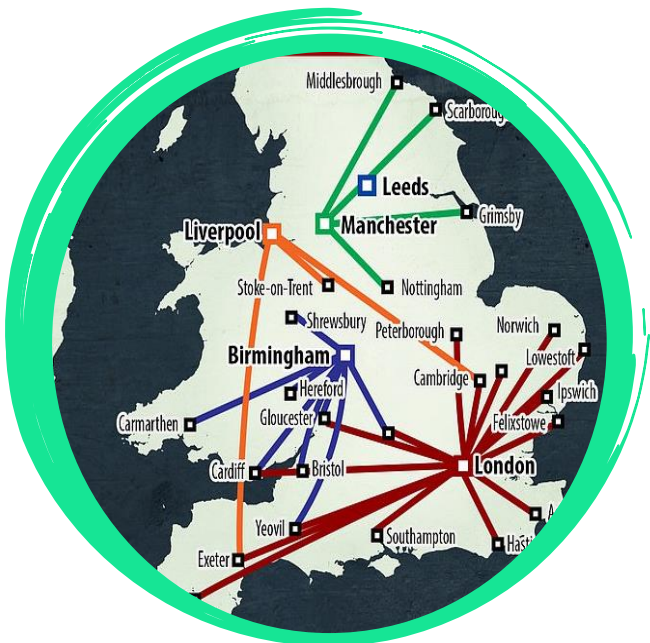
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"So this is the synthetic cannabis"

What's the impact?

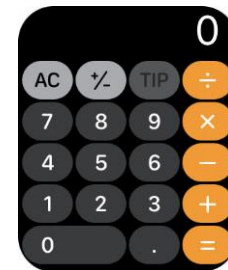


What can you do as a parent or carer?



Look out for signs...

- Signs of drugs/substance misuse.
- Missing episodes/home late
- Phone use- social media sites/use of secrecy apps. Anxiety around phone messages/calls.
- Change in appearance, signs of physical injury like bruising or wounds.





Look out for signs...

Life litter

Unexplained money

Clothes

gaming credits

bank cards

car keys

multiple phones/sims

Receipts-i.e food or shops

Travel receipts/information, i.e bus/train/tube tickets





Speak to your children about child exploitation and grooming.

- Find out about their friendship groups. Have they changed?
- Find out where your child feels safe and unsafe.
- keep logs and note everything, including who you've spoken to.
- Please take note of the social media and apps they use.

Where to get help



- › Call the police 101, visit their website or go to a station
- › Parents can speak to other professionals, such as Social Care or Family Solutions, Children's Society, Barnardo's, and Ivison Trust

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