

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 through lived experience expert.

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.

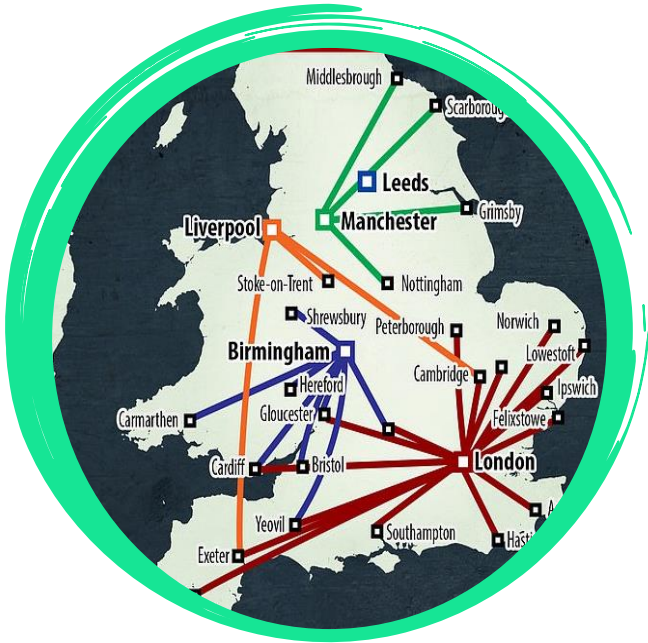
Or creates a distorted view of the relationship and the child trusts them





Quality goods and services is our term of service

What's the impact?



What can you do as a parent or carer?



Look out for signs...

- Unexplained money, clothes, gaming credits

- 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.





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. Knowing where the contexts that your child feels unsafe are will help you to understand the risks they are experiencing.

If you start to see behaviours or any of the items mentioned, start to keep a log and note any unexplained items and the explanations given, missing or late episodes. Note any places you have been asked to collect your child from, names or places your child speaks of or you overhear them talking about. Keep receipts and paper trails such as travel tickets and shop receipts.



Speak to your children about child exploitation and grooming.

Be interested in the apps and social media sites they use. There are many opportunities for gathering information and putting safeguards in place with technology. Make sure you have itemised billing and safety apps downloaded.

Report everything. Child exploitation is child abuse, your child is a victim and services have a duty to respond to any reports of child abuse

Record everything. When speaking to services requesting support ensure you ask for the names and roles or collar numbers (if police) of those you have spoken with and keep this safe.

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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