**CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION & COUNTY LINES**

*What is child criminal exploitation?*

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) is where a child or young person is coerced, controlled, manipulated or deceived into criminal activity. The child or young person may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. CCE does not always involve face to face contact and can take place online.

CCE is broader than just county lines exploitation and can include young people being forced to work on cannabis farms, commit theft or other crimes.

*What is county lines exploitation?*

County lines describes gangs and organised crime networks involved in exporting illegal drugs within the UK, using a dedicated phone line. The ‘county line’ or ‘deal line’, as it is sometimes referred to, is the mobile phone used to take the order of drugs. Young people and vulnerable adults are exploited to move and store the drugs and money through the use of coercion, violence, sexual violence, intimidation and weapons.

Sometimes the drug dealers will take over a local property of a vulnerable person, and use it as a base for their criminal operations. This is known as ‘cuckooing’.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216 142 or via email at safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk

*Other support*

[Crimestoppers](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/) – 0800 555 111

<nspcc.org.uk> – 0808 800 5000

Childline – 0800 1111 (24 hours)