

Year 9 Personal Development


Unit 1: Peer Influence

What will I learn about this term?

You will learn about coercive relationships in the community including County Lines and gang recruitment. You will learn about the risks and hazards in the community and about exploitation from individuals within local communities.


Key Words	Meaning
Gang	An organised group of criminals
County Lines	When drugs are moved from one area to another often by children
Recruitment	When gangs give gifts or promises to young people in order to make them do something
Exploitation	The act of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from them
Drug	Any chemical substance that alters the physical or mental state of the person who uses it
Hazard	Any source of potential damage or harm
Risk	To be exposed to hazards or danger
Media portrayal	How the media represents groups of individuals

Understanding County Lines



What are County Lines?


County lines is a form of criminal exploitation where urban gangs persuade, coerce or force children and young people to store drugs and money and/or transport them to suburban areas, market towns and coastal towns. It can happen in any part of the UK and is against the law and a form of child abuse.



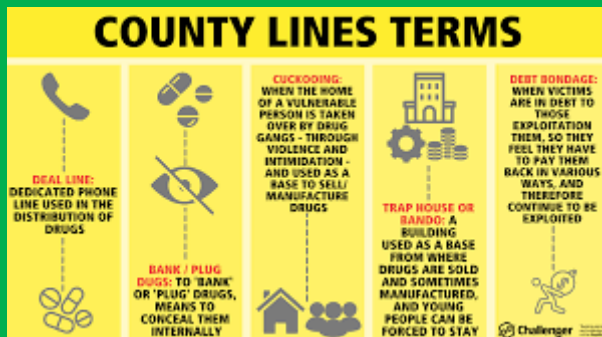
Multiple forms of Exploitation

Learners/apprentices may be criminally exploited in multiple ways. Other forms of criminal exploitation include child sexual exploitation, trafficking, gang and knife crime. County lines gangs are highly organised criminal networks, they constantly change their techniques to groom young people and avoid capture by the police.

Offenders maximise their profits by using children and young people to do the physical act of dealing drugs. Young people do the majority of the work and take the most risk.



COUNTY LINES TERMS



- DEAL LINE:** DEDICATED PHONE LINE USED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS
- BANK / PLUG DRUGS:** TO 'BANK' OR 'PLUG' DRUGS, MEANS TO CONCEAL THEM INTERNALLY
- CKUCKOOING:** WHEN THE HOME OF A VULNERABLE PERSON IS TAKEN OVER BY DRUG GANGS - THROUGH VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION - AND USED AS A BASE TO SELL/MANUFACTURE DRUGS
- TRAP HOUSE OR SANDO:** A BUILDING USED AS A BASE FROM WHERE DRUGS ARE SOLD AND SOMETIMES MANUFACTURED, AND YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE FORCED TO STAY
- DEBT BONDAGE:** WHEN VICTIMS ARE IN DEBT TO THOSE EXPLOITATION THEM, SO THEY FEEL THEY HAVE TO PAY THEM BACK IN VARIOUS WAYS, AND THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE EXPLOITED

Action on county line drug gangs



- Mobile phones:** New powers would allow the police to shut down mobile phone lines
- County lines:** 'County lines' are where urban gangs are supplying illegal drugs in suburban areas, market or coastal towns
- Exploitation:** Vulnerable children and adults are exploited by gangs to move drugs and cash around

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