Safeguarding Update Issue 10

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Child Criminal Exploitation: County Lines

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine 0800 1111

Southampton Safeguarding Partnership

NSPCC HELPLINE 0808 800 5000 help@nspcc.org.uk

If you have concerns about a child or wish to receive some form of support, please come and talk to a member of the safeguarding team.

What is Child Criminal Exploitation: County Lines?

County Lines Criminal Exploitation of children is a geographically widespread form of harm: drug networks or gangs groom and exploit children and young people to carry drugs and money from urban areas to suburban and rural areas, market and seaside towns.

Watch out for children missing school

Watch out for involvement in gangs outside school

Like other forms of abuse and exploitation, county lines exploitation:

- Can affect any child or young person (male or female) under the age of 18 years
- Can still be exploitation even if the activity appears consensual

- Can involve force and/or enticement-based methods of compliance and is often accompanied by violence or threats of violence
- Can be perpetrated by individuals or groups, males or females, and young people or adults
- Is typified by some form of power imbalance in favour of those perpetrating the exploitation. Whilst age may be the most obvious, this power imbalance can also be due to a range of other factors including gender, cognitive ability, physical strength, status and access to economic or other resources.

How does our curriculum help to protect children from County Lines Exploitation?

- The PSHE curriculum provides scenarios for discussion and debate regarding gangs, influence and the imbalance of power and provides children with strategies to help keep them safe.
- Through our regular safeguarding assemblies

If you have a concern about a child, please report it to the DSL or complete an online or paper concern form which are available on the display in the office

If you have any other safeguarding concerns that you would like information on, please email:
head@hollybrookinfant.co.uk or
head@hollybrookjunior.co.uk
Issues that have been covered in the Safeguarding Updates so far are:
Issue 1 – Online Safety
Issue 2 – Extremism and Radicalisation
Issue 3 – Gangs
Issue 4 – Keeping Children Safe 2022/23
Issue 5 – Anti-Bullying
Issue 6 – Child on Child Abuse
Issue 7 – Upskirting and Sexual Violence
Issue 8 – Children Missing in Education
Issue 9 – Child Sexual Exploitation

Further Help and Useful Websites:

https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/child-criminal-exploitation-county-lines/

Safeguarding Network County Lines Resources

Useful County Lines Leaflet from Camden

NSPCC information about County Lines