

## Tackling criminal exploitation (Children's Society)

The Children's Society, along with many other organisations, are working to disrupt the activity of criminal gangs and keep young people safer. They work with the police to stop county lines activity and recognise the young people that have been exploited by criminal gangs as victims, not criminals.

The Children's Society has developed resources for parents and professionals if they are worried a young person is involved in county lines.

### Criminal exploitation: A guide for parents

This parents' guide can be downloaded

here: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/cce-advice-for-parents.pdf>

The guidance is also available in other languages including:

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Bulgarian
- French
- Greek
- Lithuanian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tigrinya
- Turkish

All the Children's Society materials are really useful, but I think three are especially important to read and share:

Appropriate Language: Child Sexual and/or Criminal Exploitation (Guidance For Professionals)  
<https://www.csepoliceandprevention.org.uk/sites/default/files/Guidance%20App%20Language%20Toolkit.pdf>

Criminal Exploitation: Stages of Recruitment  
[https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/children\\_at\\_risk.pdf](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/children_at_risk.pdf)

Disruption checklist for child criminal exploitation

This document could be used by staff in strategy meetings to ask relevant questions.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/disruption-checklist-for-child-criminal-exploitation.pdf>

All the resources about Criminal exploitation and 'county lines' can be found

here: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/tackling-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/county-lines-resources>

### County Lines - Explainer Video

You can also find a video explaining the background to County Lines on my website

here: [safeguardingschools.co.uk/county-lines/](https://safeguardingschools.co.uk/county-lines/)