



County Lines and Coronavirus

Information to help you stay safe



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County Lines is when drug gangs, people who sell drugs in the big cities and towns, move the drugs to smaller places to sell. This is wrong and against the law.



They use local people who live in smaller towns across the county to deliver or sell the drugs for them.



The drug gangs may bully people into selling drugs for them and letting them use their home.



They may take over a person's home to keep their drugs in and sell drugs from their home. This is called Cuckooing.



They may invite other people to stay in your home without asking you.



They may bully you so you leave your home.



You are more at risk of being used by county line gangs and cuckooing if you:



Use drugs





Are having problems with money.



Have mental health problems.



Have a learning disability or autism.



Are any of these things happening to you?



Getting a lot of text messages or phone calls?



Getting threats to hurt you, someone you care about, or your pet?



People calling at your home at odd times and not leaving when you ask them to?



Being given a phone or drugs or other things to look after or hide.



If any of these things are happening to you, you may be the victim of County Lines or Cuckooing.



You should tell someone if this is happening to you or someone you know.



They can help make it stop!



How to get help and support.



You should tell someone if you think you are a victim of County Lines or Cuckooing or any crime.



You wont get in trouble, they can help make it stop and keep you safe.



To report a crime to the police, you can telephone them on 101 and tell them what is happening.



You can telephone Care direct on 0345 1551 007 and tell them what is happening.



You can email Care Direct and tell them what is happening.

Csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk



If you think you are in danger you should telephone the police on 999 and tell them as soon as you can.



If you can't let anyone know what is happening, you can ask someone you trust to do it for you.