



# Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:



Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area



Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones



excessive receipt of texts or phone calls



Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association



Leaving home or care without explanation



Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries



Parental concerns



Significant decline in school performance



Significant changes in emotional well-being



Home Office

Working in partnership with  
**CrimeStoppers.**

In an emergency call **999**  
For non-emergencies call **101**  
Visit **[www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)**

## Help and advice:

Leicester City Council - **0116 454 1004**  
Leicestershire County Council - **0116 305 0005**  
Rutland County Council - **01572 758407**



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