

Crimestoppers & Fearless County Lines Presentation

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Crimestoppers short film



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What happens when you call

- The call is **FREE** and available 24/7, 365 days a year
- You hear a recorded message about Crimestoppers
- All calls are scrambled
- We **NEVER** track, trace or record your call – it's anonymous
- Specially trained call handlers – who won't ask for your name, details or why you're calling
- Over 140 languages available via our translation service
- Once the call is finished we **NEVER** call back
- It will **NOT** show up on the phone bill
- You need to delete the call history
- It is 100% anonymous. **ALWAYS.**



Telephone:
248,844

What happens when you submit a form

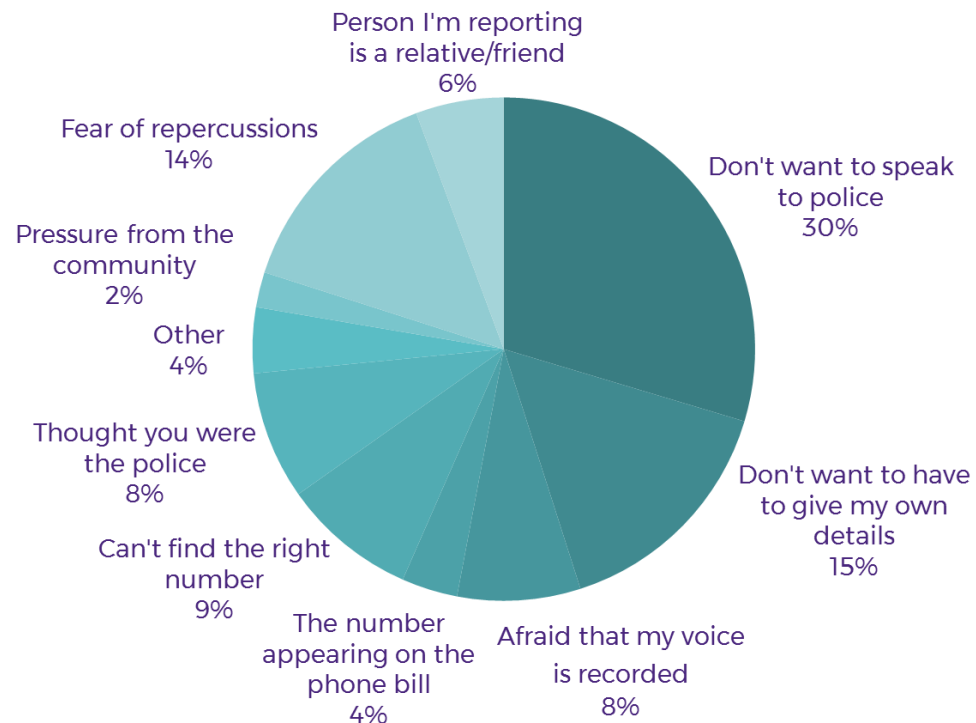
- The call is **FREE** and available 24/7, 365 days a year
- The IP address is removed before we get the form, meaning we have no record of who sent it or ability to know where it came from – it's anonymous
- Specially trained call handlers
- All quality information is securely passed on to the relevant police force
- We offer an anonymous two-way form option, which is **NOT** linked to any contact details e.g. email, phone etc..
- You need to delete the online history
- It is 100% anonymous. **ALWAYS.**



Online:
345,096

Who contacts us, anonymously

- **Gender:** equal split
- **Majority of age group:** 64% aged over 35
- **Phone service:** Slightly older age group, bias towards males
- **Ethnicity:** a higher level of BAME users on our phones



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What happens to the information?



Reports sent
to police:
172,317

Focus crimes:

In recent years we have focused our efforts on the following crime types that are important to us, our partners and the public.

Number of reports sent to police about the following crime types, and their change compared to last year:

Domestic abuse

4,006 Up **45%**

Modern slavery

679 No change

Possession of weapons

19,445 Up **40%**

County Lines

499 Up **116%**

Child sexual exploitation & abuse

2,202 Up **8%**

Policing outcomes:

This gave the police a minimum of

122,505

pieces of actionable information,
which they used to achieve at least:



Positive outcomes¹

23,320



Arrested & charged²

2,077



Property recovered

£443,518



Drugs seized

£9,520,325

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A photograph of four young adults standing in front of a green metal wall. From left to right: a young man in a grey hoodie, a young woman in a red sweater, a young man in a blue hoodie, and a young woman in a green hoodie. They are all looking down at their smartphones. The man in the grey hoodie is holding his phone up, showing something to the others. The woman in the red sweater is also looking at her phone. The man in the blue hoodie is looking at his phone. The woman in the green hoodie is looking at her phone. The text "Speak up. Stay safe." is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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An A-Z on crime types



Links to recognised websites

Fearless.org

100% anonymous reporting form

This form is anonymous. No one will know you have sent this info.

Please note, if this is urgent you must **CALL THE POLICE**. We are not a replacement for the emergency services.

THE INCIDENT

* What is the crime or incident you would like to tell us about?

Please let us know what happened, and in as much detail as you can remember

* Where did it happen?

Street, town or postcode

* When did it happen?

dd/mm/yyyy

THE PERSON(S) INVOLVED

* What is their name or nickname?

Full name (if known) or any nickname

* What do they look like?

Facial details, hair colour, tattoos etc

Do you know their address?

☐ Yes, I know their address

Do they have access to weapons?

☐ Yes

Do they use Facebook or any other social networking sites?

☐ Yes they do

Do they attend a school/college?

☐ Yes they do

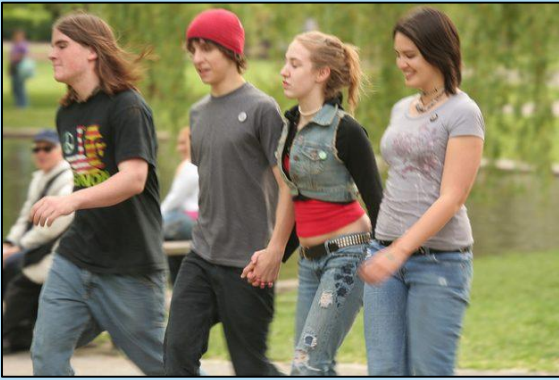
☐ I confirm that this form is not being used to report something that needs urgent police attention

SUBMIT ANONYMOUSLY

County & Local Lines Crimestoppers Reports

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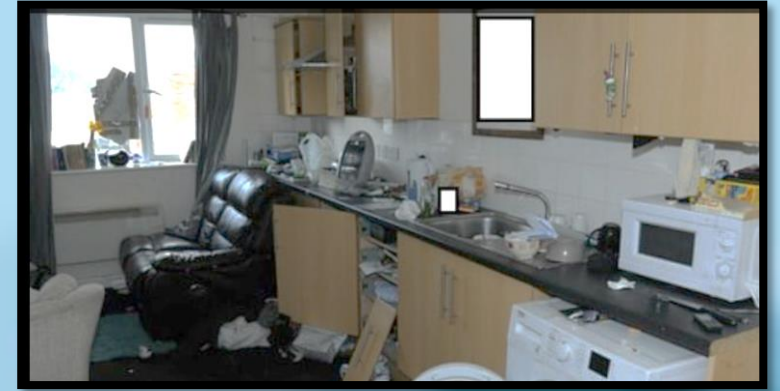
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Gang members are luring a growing number of girls into county lines dealing through exploitative romantic relationships, according to a report compiled by charity Hestia (2020)



The BTP County Lines Taskforce aims to protect and safeguard the children who are often used by gangs to move drugs and cash between import and export locations, which can be hundreds of miles apart.



Crime Minister Victoria Atkins said “Once they reach their destination, they (young people) stay in properties rented by gangs, increasingly short-term lets.”

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Examples of sanitized information

Crimestoppers - County Lines

“The Romanian staff at a Kebab shop, are selling Class A drugs from their shop. They are county line drug dealers, which are mainly running from London.

All of their networks are from kebab shops, and taxi firms. They are delivering through Uber, Just Eat, and WhatsApp, and Snapchat. The runners are then sent to another region, and other small towns”

Crimestoppers - Cuckooing

“A vulnerable person has had her flat cuckooed by local drug dealers who are also physically abusing her at the property. It is believed the operation is linked to county lines. There are concerns for her welfare”

Fearless.org – Grooming

“Rival drug dealers are grooming younger kids off the estate, getting them to hold drugs.”

Names, descriptions and addresses have been removed to protect the anonymous contact..

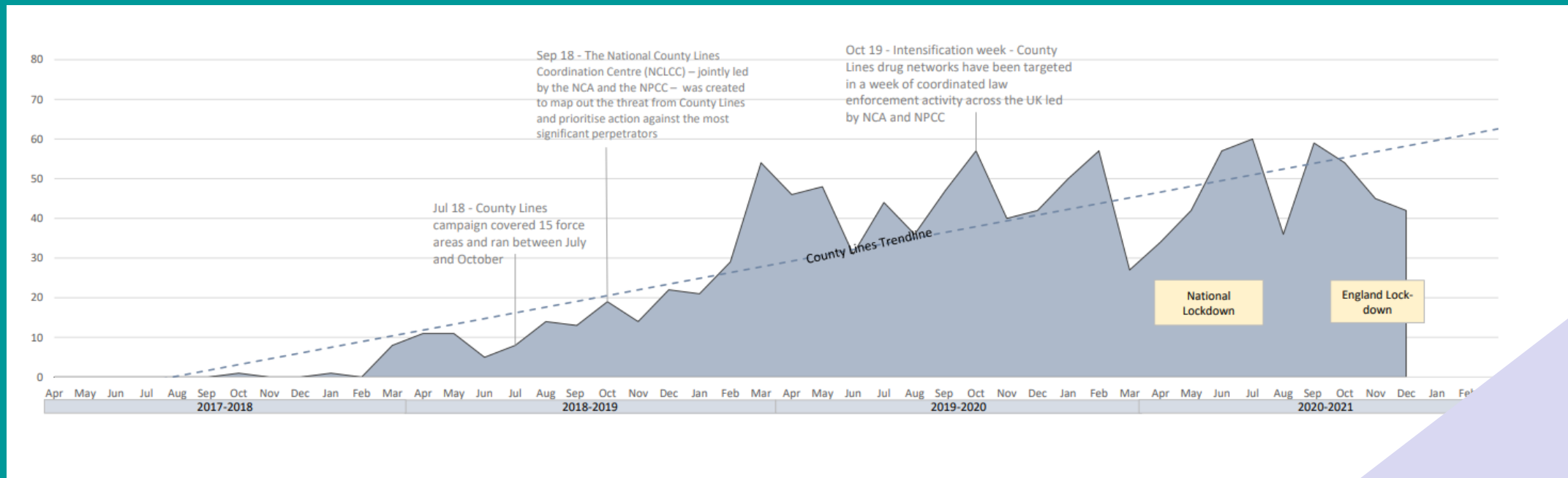
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County Lines Intelligence

Comparing reports April-December 2020 against the same period in 2019

- 28.8% increase in **cuckooing** reports
- 9.7% increase in **county lines** reports



“County Lines” reports have increased by 5,150% over the last three years

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Analysis of 100 Reports between April - June 2020

- 10 out of 100 involved cuckooing of properties belonging to vulnerable people
- 23 out of 100 involved the grooming of children for drug dealing, one child was as young as 6 years old
- 5% included travel by car
- 1% included travel by train
- 1% included traveled by a hire vehicle
- 6% referenced to a vulnerability
- 5% referenced a gang/OCG/Network

Using online apps to facilitate ordering drugs, and grooming potential drug dealers.



Example of Crimestoppers & Fearless resources

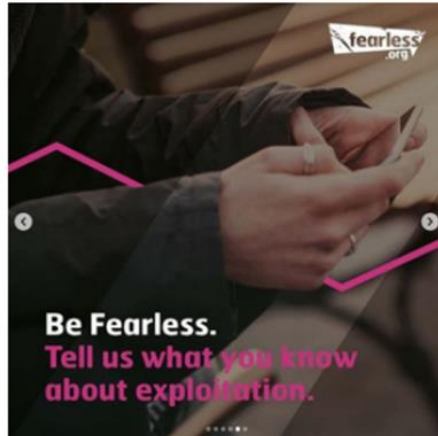


Fearless Social Media:

- Facebook: Fearlessagainstcrime
- Twitter: FearlessORG
- YouTube: FearlessORG
- Instagram: fearlessuk

Crimestoppers Social Media:

- Facebook: Crimestoppers
- Twitter: CrimestoppersUK
- Instagram: crimestopperstrust
- YouTube: CrimestoppersUK



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Educational Resources

TOPICS:

County Lines

Street Crime

Weapons

CSE

INCLUDED:

Lesson Plans

Activities

Case Studies

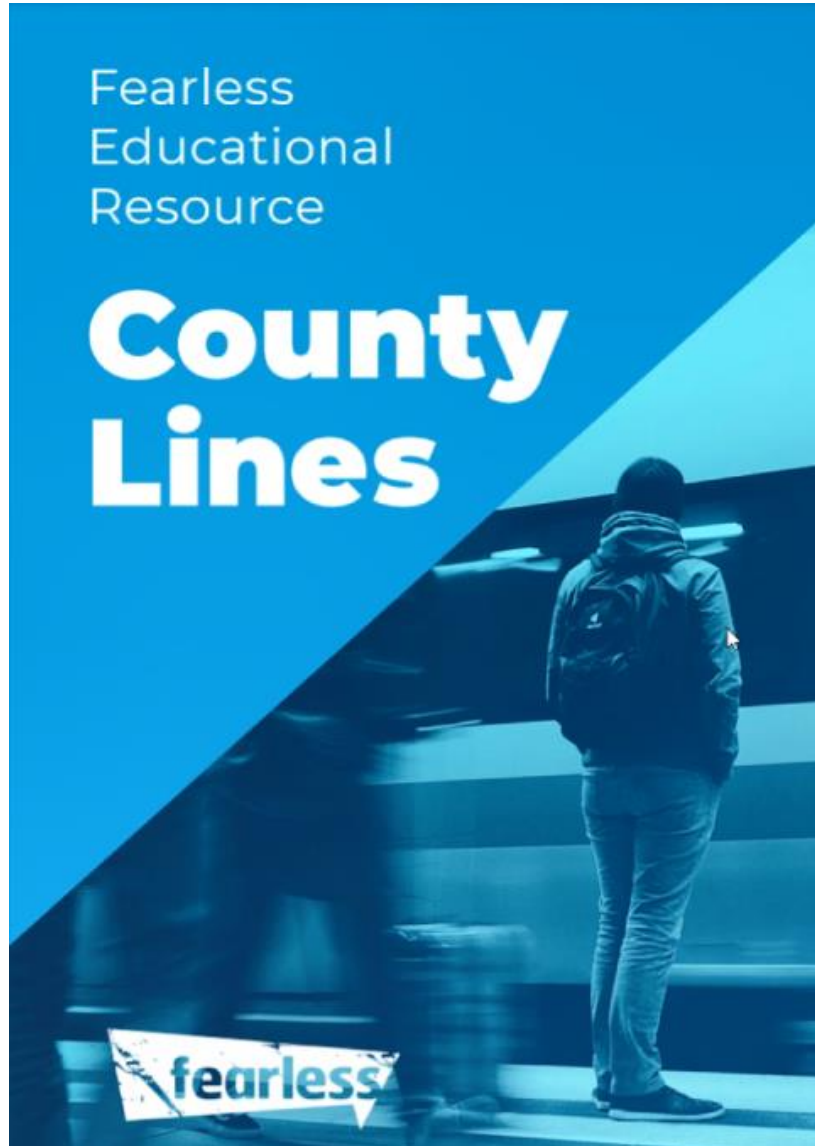
Key words

Curriculum Guide

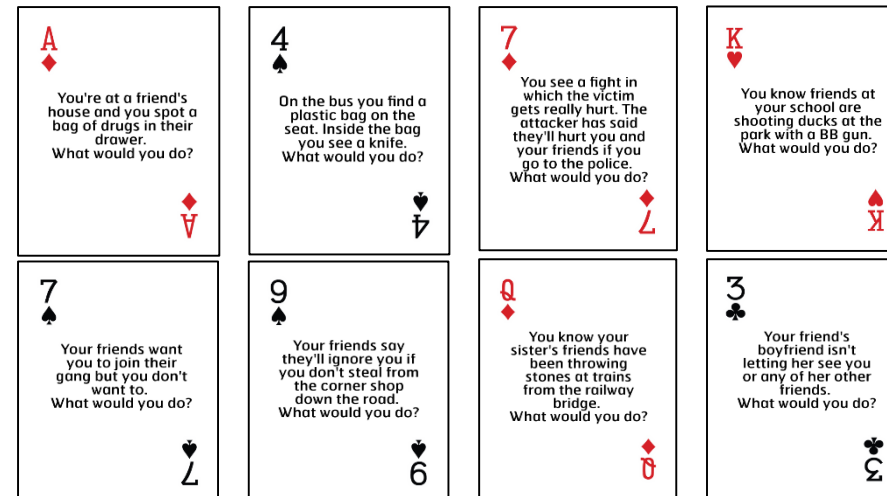
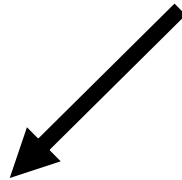


Available as PDF or Hard Copy

County Lines Resources

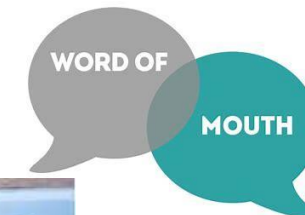


County Lines Booklet – linking to KS3&4 and Citizenship



“What would you do...” playing cards
For one on one, group or classroom activity

How can you help?



**Thank you for your time
Do you have any question?**

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