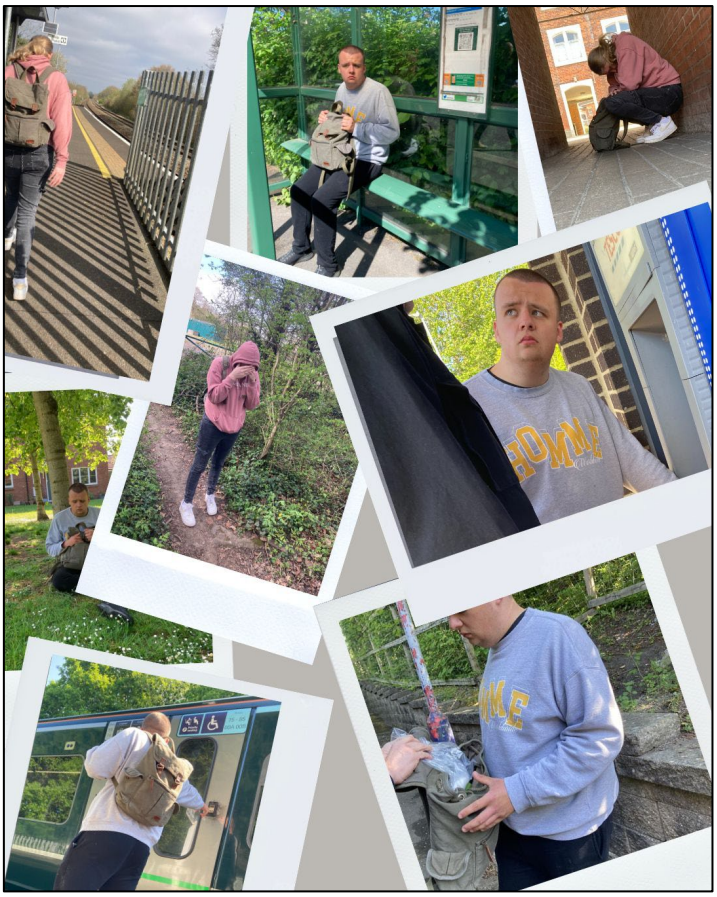
Exploitation and County Lines



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What is exploitation?

	**Exploitation** is where someone takes advantage of you for their own benefit.
	They may threaten you.
	They may try to bribe you with money, gifts or new possessions.

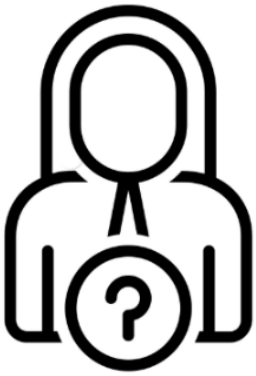
	They may try to make you feel embarrassed or shame you.
	You may be asked to sell or look after things like drugs or weapons.
	They may pretend to be your friend.

What are County Lines?

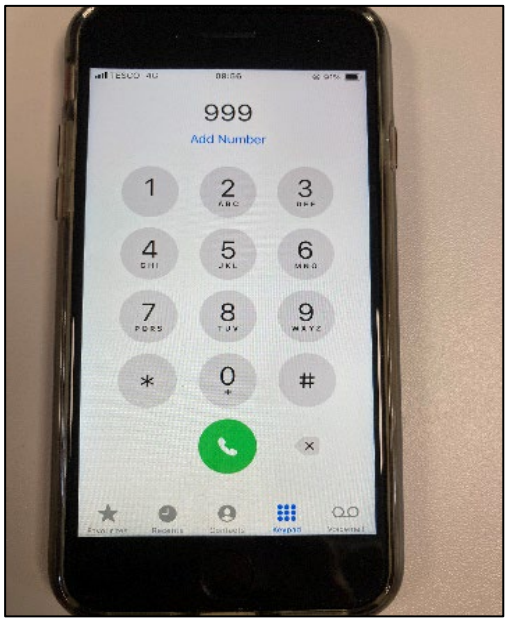
 	**County Lines** is when criminals **exploit** young people to transport drugs between different areas.
	Criminals may use a phone to contact people. This may not be a smartphone.
	Criminals may force people to live away from where they live to sell or make drugs.

What is cuckooing?

	**Cuckooing** is where people take over where you live.
	They use your home to deal, store or sell drugs or store weapons.
	They may force you to hand over your money.
	They may take over your home and use it like their own.

	They may invite people in who you do not want in your home.
	They may force you to break the law.
	They may stop you seeing friends or family.

Reporting to the Police



If someone approaches you and makes you feel unsafe or confused, it is okay to call the police.

It's better to check than to ignore it.

If this happens to you, call 999 and ask for the Police.



The call taker may ask some questions to understand the situation before deciding the best way to help, such as:

- What happened?
- Where/when did it happen?

Remember, you can always call the Police on **999 in an emergency**. Here are some examples…



You can also call the Police on **101** when it is not an emergency.