



## **West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership**

### **County Lines and Exploitation Awareness Training Schedule**

**18<sup>th</sup> November – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

This awareness training programme aims to develop and improve our understanding of the threat from County Lines and Criminal Exploitation.

All sessions are free of charge to attend and will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. The timetable below has links to the Eventbrite booking page for each event, where tickets can be booked. There are limited spaces, with only 300 spaces available per session, so please sign up at your earliest opportunity to guarantee your place.

If you cannot attend after you have signed up, please ensure you cancel your ticket to allow others to sign up.

On behalf of the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership we would like to share our deepest gratitude to our third sector partners who are delivering the training within the programme below.

We encourage you to **share** this awareness training programme far and wide amongst your networks regionally and nationally.

Ahead of the training week itself, there is a SafeCall County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation Webinar taking place on **13<sup>th</sup> November 13:00 – 14:30**, and you can sign up here - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/f2c87198-d460-4b54-88fc-9565952f1076@87861127-15de-494e-a8cf-70218b7760a7>

<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>Facilitator(s)</b>	<b>Training Title</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>How to join training</b>
VRP	Jo Tonks	<b>An Overview of Criminal Exploitation &amp; County Lines</b> The training provides an overview of criminal exploitation & county lines	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line workers	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 10:00 – 12:30	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-overview-of-criminal-exploitation-county-lines-tickets-1076635639179?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-overview-of-criminal-exploitation-county-lines-tickets-1076635639179?aff=oddtcreator</a>

		<p>including some national &amp; local statistics.</p> <p>The training will also explore some of the preventative work being done, and what we can all do to create opportunities to prevent young people being groomed &amp; exploited</p>			
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Catch 22	Anna Smith	<p><b>Gang Awareness – Know the signs</b></p> <p>Content includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gang culture, serious youth violence and associated behaviours</li> <li>• Gang activity within the community</li> <li>• How to recognise key warning signs</li> <li>• Understanding the influences on young people involved in gangs</li> <li>• The victim/offender overlap</li> </ul>	This session is aimed at: Professionals, front line workers	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 13:00 – 15:00	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catch-22-gang-awareness-know-the-signs-tickets-1076629821779">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catch-22-gang-awareness-know-the-signs-tickets-1076629821779</a>



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Bringing Hope	Ashleigh Aris & Ruby Robinson	<b>Serious Youth Violence – Social media influence and Impacts on wider family</b>  The session will cover how youth violence impacts the wider family context; Session will also look at the research from the Peer Action Collection on how young people navigate online spaces safely, exploring the context of easy access to violent content and negative role models and it's influence on youth violence.	This training is aimed at:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 13:00 – 15:00	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/serious-youth-violence-social-media-influence-and-impacts-on-wider-family-tickets-1079072307319?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/serious-youth-violence-social-media-influence-and-impacts-on-wider-family-tickets-1079072307319?aff=oddtcreator</a>
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NSPCC	Rosie Ellis	<b>NSPCC Listen Up Speak Up</b>  This session will explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The barriers which might stop us sharing concerns or seeking help</li><li>• Some example scenarios and what we can do to help</li><li>• How to approach a difficult conversation to help keep young people safe</li></ul>	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 9:30 – 10:30	Sign up via this <a href="#">Teams Registration</a>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family</li> </ul>			
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The Children's Society	Maryam Hussain	<p><b>Language Matters</b></p> <p>This session will discuss key themes within child exploitation and abuse: an appropriate language guide' co-developed by The Children's Society and NAPAC to explore the critical importance of avoiding victim blaming language in all forms of communications and ensure that the language we use as professionals supports, rather than harms, victims of child exploitation.</p>	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 13:00 – 14:30	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-childrens-society-language-matters-tickets-1076641426489?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-childrens-society-language-matters-tickets-1076641426489?aff=oddtcreator</a>
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The Children's Society		<p><b>#LookCloser: Safeguarding Transgender Young People from Exploitation</b></p> <p>The aims of this training are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support professionals to understand trans identities and how to respect these in</li> </ul>	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners.	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 10:00 – 12:00	Sign up to this training here: <a href="#">#LookCloser: Safeguarding transgender young people from exploitation Tickets, Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM   Eventbrite</a>

		<p>their work with children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the specific challenges faced by trans children due to discrimination, disadvantage and other systemic failings, and how these may lead to heightened risk of exploitation.</li> <li>• Consider trans inclusive approaches to identifying, assessing, and supporting children and young people</li> </ul> <p>Demonstrate the value of a person-centred, holistic and inclusive approach to understanding and responding to exploitation and abuse.</p>			
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Children Heard and Seen	Nazrin Begum	<p><b>An Introduction to Parental Imprisonment for Drug Offences</b></p> <p>This session will be exploring how parental imprisonment impacts young people, with a specific look at imprisonment for drug offences. It'll explore the challenges faced by these young people, and what we can all start to do to help them.</p>	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners.	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 14:00 – 15:00	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/children-heard-seen-an-intro-to-parental-imprisonment-for-drug-offences-tickets-1076644626059?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/children-heard-seen-an-intro-to-parental-imprisonment-for-drug-offences-tickets-1076644626059?aff=oddtcreator</a>



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Ivision Trust	Dr Sarah Hall	<b>Ivision Trust's Relational Safeguarding Model &amp; Contextual Safeguarding Approach</b>  Content includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An introduction to Ivision</li><li>• Relational Safeguarding Models</li><li>• RSM work with West Yorkshire VRP</li><li>• How RSM works with Contextual Safeguarding Models</li></ul>	This session is aimed at: Professionals, front line workers	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 10:30 – 11:30	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ivision-trusts-safeguarding-model-contextual-safeguarding-approach-tickets-1076542540719">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ivision-trusts-safeguarding-model-contextual-safeguarding-approach-tickets-1076542540719</a>
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Cranstoun	Roy Stokes & Sean Brown	<b>Substance Use Harm Reduction in the Context of County Lines</b>  Cranstoun are committed to reducing harms linked to substance use in every way possible. Using their extensive experience in this area, this session will be exploring how harm reduction practices can be used in the context of county lines.	This session is aimed at: Professions, front line workers	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 13:00 – 14:00	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cranstoun-substance-use-harm-reduction-in-the-context-of-county-lines-tickets-1076550203639">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cranstoun-substance-use-harm-reduction-in-the-context-of-county-lines-tickets-1076550203639</a>



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The Children's Society	Maryam Hussain	<b>Sexually Coerced Extortion</b>  This session will help participants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn more about the risk of online sexually coerced extortion, and how this type of exploitation harms young people.</li></ul>	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024 11:00 – 12:00	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-childrens-society-sexually-coerced-extortion-tickets-1076580353819">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-childrens-society-sexually-coerced-extortion-tickets-1076580353819</a>



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St Giles	Liam Teasdale	<p><b>St Giles SOS+ Professionals Training</b></p> <p>Content includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gangs, Grooming and County Lines Explained</li><li>• Knife Crime and Weapons Awareness</li><li>• Understanding Gang Activity, Behaviour and Recruitment</li><li>• Girls, Gangs and Empowerment (female-focused)</li><li>• Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation Explained</li><li>• Respect – Understanding Positive and Healthy Relationships</li><li>• Gateway Drugs – Dispelling the Myths</li><li>• Unpacking Joint Enterprise and Conspiracy</li></ul>	This session is aimed at: Professionals, front line workers	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024 14:00 – 15:30	Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-giles-sos-professionals-training-tickets-1076584927499">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-giles-sos-professionals-training-tickets-1076584927499</a>





		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Media &amp; Online Networks – Keeping Safe online.</li></ul>			
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**VRP Webinars week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November, all via MS Teams**

- **VRP Education Briefing: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 16:00 – 17:00**
  - o Sign up using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vrp-education-briefing-tickets-999195268947>
- **Trauma Informed Practice Webinar: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9:00 – 13:30**
  - o Sign up using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trauma-informed-practice-webinar-tickets-1010394817097>
- **Working with Trauma in Early Years: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 11:30**
  - o Sign up using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-with-trauma-in-early-years-tickets-1010401828067>
- **Community Development Training: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10:00 – 13:00**
  - o Sign up using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-development-training-tickets-955285603957>