



West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership

County Lines and Exploitation Awareness Training Schedule

23rd February – 27th February 2026

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.

Training is also available via the National Counter Trafficking Centre all year round, and is available here: <https://nctc.org.uk/training>

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

Please note there are additional training webinars that can be accessed in addition to the training week; these will take place W/C 16th February and W/C 2nd March; the details are listed at the end of the schedule.

Training Provider	Facilitator(s)	Training Title	Target Audience	Date & Time	How to join training
West Midlands VRP	Robert Pedley	Building safety for our children & young people We will explore some of the key risks and issues facing children and young	This training is aimed at: parents, carers and grandparents	Monday 23rd February 10:00 - 11:00	To sign-up to this training, please follow this Eventbrite link



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Catch 22		<p>Knife Crime & County Lines: Understanding the Hidden Link</p> <p>This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How county lines exploitation contributes to knife crime among young people.• Identifying the common weapons involved• Examines why these knives are chosen• How the pressures of county lines activity normalise violence for exploited young people.• The wider impact on communities and the serious legal consequences of knife possession and the importance of early	This training is aimed at: parents, carers and grandparents)	Monday 23rd February 10:30 - 12:00	To sign-up to this training, please follow this Eventbrite link



		intervention, education, and strong multi-agency safeguarding to prevent both exploitation and knife carrying.			
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Children Heard and Seen	Nazrin Begum	<p>Impacts of parental imprisonment linked to County Lines</p> <p>This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk factors at home and school • Exploitation/ grooming signs in young people • What parents and carers can do to support 	This training is aimed at: parents, carers and grandparents	Monday 23rd February 12:00 - 13:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link
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Hampshire Police	James Rudge	<p>Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders - A partnership approach to disrupting exploitation</p> <p>This session will cover:</p> <p>The aims of the session:</p>	This session is aimed at professionals in a safeguarding role for both children and adults.	Monday 23rd February 13:00 - 14:00	To sign up to this training, please follow this Microsoft signup link.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying Risky Acts and not just criminal offences.• Working as partners to present evidence of risky behaviour.• Managing risky behaviour through specific prohibitions and conditions• Case study examples			
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Catch 22	Hannah Bignall	Weapons, Grooming and Victimization - The impact of media and the intersectionality between victim and offender.	This training is aimed at: professionals working with young and/or vulnerable people who have a intermediate understanding	Monday 23rd February 14:00 - 16:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link



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Safer Now	Sean Monaghan	Safety Planning for Young People At Risk The cornerstone of effective adolescent safeguarding is safety planning. Planning with young people for crises scenarios so that they can navigate spaces of harm effectively. Scenarios within exploitative contexts, community violence and trafficking scenarios will be discussed within this session.	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Tuesday 24th February 10:00 - 12:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link
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West Midlands Police Economic Crime Unit	West Midlands Police	Money Mules Awareness This session will raise awareness of young people whose bank accounts/details are used to launder money without them understanding.	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Tuesday 24th February 11:00 - 12:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link



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St Giles Trust	Michelle Blackman	Expect Respect - Healthy Relationships In this webinar, St Giles Trust share some of the learning from their Expect Respect programme which works with young females under 18 on the periphery, or entrenched within, child criminal exploitation, gangs or child sexual exploitation. The webinar will include:	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Tuesday 24th February - 14:00 - 15:30	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the Expect Respect Service • A case study discussion • Key takeaways for professionals 			
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Barnardo's	Barnardo's	Introduction to the Independent Child Trafficking Guardian Service This webinar will introduce the ICTG service.	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Wednesday 25 th February 10:00 – 11:00	To sign up to this training, please follow this Microsoft signup link .
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Clewer Initiative	Lois Bosatta	Breaking County Lines This session will explore community awareness and response to county lines and exploitation. The session will include how to talk to your kids about county lines, and what we can do if you see signs in your community.	This training is aimed at: parents, carers, grandparents	Wednesday 25th February - 12:30 - 13:30	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link
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Safer Now	Sean Monaghan	Beyond County Lines: The Many Faces of CCE This session is designed to explore the many other typologies of child criminal exploitation, beyond just county lines models of drug distribution. From acquisitive crime, to fraud, to emerging Com Network concerns.	This training is aimed at: Professionals, front line practitioners	Thursday 26th February 10:00 - 12:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams Link
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Safer Together	Nikki Holmes	Cuckooing: Widening the Lens This session will explore cuckooing through a wider lens developing a typology based understanding of this issue and evidencing why cuckooing must also be considered in the context of Child Protection.	This training is aimed at: practitioners, strategic leads, policy leads and community members.	Thursday 26th February 14:00 - 16:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams link.
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Safer Now	Sean Monaghan	Neurodiversity and Exploitation This training challenges misconceptions around neurodiversity.	This training is aimed at: Professionals,	Friday 27th February 10:00 - 12:00	To join this webinar, please follow this Microsoft Teams link.

		It examines the critical intersection between neurodivergence and exploitation, not as a result of inherent vulnerability, but through the lens of how perpetrators identify and target differences.	front line practitioners		
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Additional webinars surrounding this awareness week are also included below:

- **16th February 9:00 - 12:00 An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (VRP)**
 - o Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-adverse-childhood-experiences-aces-tickets-1969308046379>
- **17th February 9:00 - 13:00 Trauma Informed Practice Webinar (VRP)**
 - o Sign up using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trauma-informed-practice-webinar-tickets-1969312631092>
- **18th February 13:00 - 13:30 Modern Slavery - Criminal Exploitation (Birmingham City Council)**
 - o Sign up using the following link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
- **19th February 14:30 - 15:30 The Modern Slavery Act including S45 (NCTC)**
 - o Sign up using the following link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
- **24th February 10:00 – 11:00 – An Introduction to Ending Male Violence Against Women and Girls (VRP)**
 - o Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-ending-male-violence-against-women-girls-tickets-1969317260940>
- **26th February 13:00 – 14:00 – A Brief Introduction to Trauma Informed Practice in Healthcare Settings (VRP)**
 - o Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brief-introduction-to-trauma-informed-practice-in-healthcare-settings-tickets-1969321678152>
- **2nd March 17:30 - 19:00 - County Lines Awareness Webinar for Parents/Carers (Catch 22)**



- Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-awareness-webinar-for-parentcarers-only-tickets-1982277511398>
- **4th March 10:00 - 12:00 Undertaking Journey Work with Children (NCTC)**
 - Sign up using the following link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
- **4th March 16:30 - 18:00 - Knife Crime & County Lines: Understanding the Hidden Link (Catch 22, Parents and Carers)**
 - Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knife-crime-county-lines-understanding-the-hidden-linkparents-carers-tickets-1982181001735>
- **5th March 10:00 - 11:30 - County Lines Awareness Webinar for Parents/Carers (Catch 22)**
 - Sign up using the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-awareness-webinar-for-parentcarers-only-tickets-1982277709992>