Gang Crime and Exploitation

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Reporting concerns

To report any concerns you may have please contact:

- Hertsmere Borough Council: 020 8207 7801 or
- Police: 101 (non-emergency) in an emergency call 999 or
- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

If you have safeguarding concerns for a child, young person or vulnerable adult please report these to:

- Children's Services: 0300 123 4043
- Adult Care Services: 0300 123 4042
- Hertsmere Borough Council: 020 8207 2277 or email: partnership.support@hertsmere.gov.uk

Exploitation

Cuckooing

County Lines

We as a CSP are dedicated to supporting our residents and protecting them from exploitation. We encourage people to tell us when they have any suspicions or concerns about one of their neighbours, family members or friends being “cuckooed” or recruited by gangs. The information you provide can remain anonymous. You have the power to speak up for those who need protecting.

Support

Childline - supporting anyone under 19 in the UK with any issues they're going through
Fearless - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to advise young people about crime and criminality
Missing People - a charity searching for missing people on behalf of the friends and family left behind.

Sign up to receive our FREE community safety e-alerts
We can support young people and adults to access support services if they want to get away from this exploitation:

- **Community Support Service** provides advice, emotional and practical support for adults who are experiencing mental ill health or need help with their mental wellbeing. For more information call 02037 273600 or 07950 215391
- **Services for Young People** Positive Alternatives programme for young people aged 11-17 who live or go to school in Hertsmere: The YC Hertfordshire Positive Alternatives Project at 96 Shenley Road in Borehamwood is designed to raise awareness about the risks and realities of gang-related crime. There will also be discussions about healthy relationships, sexual health, drugs and alcohol, social media and Citizen Aid.

### Useful leaflets

- [Keep your child safe during the holidays](#)
- [Advice on gangs and drugs](#)
- [Cuckooing - how to spot the signs](#)
- [County lines leaflet](#)