

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

# County Lines



County Lines is a form of criminal exploitation in which illegal drugs are transported from one area to another by children or adults at risk and over 27,000 children are involved in the United Kingdom (UK). County Lines affects all communities, and anyone can be coerced into being involved. Therefore, it is important that people are aware of County Lines and know how to identify if someone is being exploited.

This course will help those working with children, young people and adults at risk understand more about what County Lines is and how they operate, including who is at risk and how to identify if someone is being exploited. Learners will understand the different ways someone can become involved and the impact it has, as well as how to support individuals that have been affected by County Lines. The course also teaches learners the importance of early intervention and prevention, and how to respond to disclosures and concerns.

### **Module One: Introduction to County Lines**

This module outlines what County Lines is and its role in relation to other serious crimes, such as child criminal exploitation, child sexual exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery. This module also covers who is at risk of exploitation, as well as the relevant legislation and guidance for County Lines.

- What is meant by the term County Lines?
- Who is at risk?
- The role of County Lines in child criminal exploitation, child sexual exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery
- Legislation and guidance

### **Module Two: Identifying County Lines**

This module describes the signs and indicators that someone is being exploited or is involved in County Lines and covers the ways in which people become involved. It also outlines how County Lines operate.

- Signs and indicators of County Lines
- How people become involved
- How County Lines operate

### **Module Three: Responding to County Lines**

This module explores the importance of early intervention and prevention for County Lines and how to respond to disclosures and concerns. The module also outlines the next steps when responding to County Lines and the multi-agency response, as well as how County Lines affects people and how to support those impacted.

- The importance of early intervention and prevention
- Disclosures and concerns
- Next steps
- Multi-agency response
- How to support those impacted by County Lines

## Aims of the training

At the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Outline what County Lines are, how they operate and the signs associated with them.
- Identify and safeguard those at risk of County Lines.
- Determine how to support any individuals affected by County Lines activity.
- Recognise the impact that County Lines can have on an individual.