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County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

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|  <p>Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area</p> |  <p>Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones</p> |  <p>excessive receipt of texts or phone calls</p> |  <p>Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association</p> |  <p>Leaving home or care without explanation</p> |
|  <p>Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries</p>           |  <p>Parental concerns</p>                                          |  <p>Significant decline in school performance</p> |  <p>Significant changes in emotional well-being</p>                           |                                                                                                                                       |

If you have concerns, follow our safeguarding procedures and share your concerns with our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Alderson or Miss Fletcher. Alternatively, contact First Contact on 03000267979.



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