

Working together to kee children and young people safe.

Race Hate Crime

An NSPCC investigation has found that race hate crime against children has reached a three-year high in the UK. The research is based on responses to Freedom of Information requests from 38 out of 43 police forces in England and Wales, Police Scotland and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The investigation also revealed that between 2015/16 and 2017/18, Childline held 2,617 counselling sessions about race- and faith-based bullying.

Source: NSPCC Date: 30 May 2019
Read more on NSPCC Learning: Protecting children from bullying and cyberbullying

Upskirting

'Upskirting' typically involves taking a picture under people's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm. IT IS NOW A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

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Young People, Social Media and Mental Health

Barnardo's has published a report looking at what children, young people and practitioners say about the impact of social media on mental health and wellbeing and the social media experiences of vulnerable children in the UK. Findings from 80 Barnardo's practitioners include: 79% said that 11-15-year olds that they work with have found cyberbullying impacted their mental health and wellbeing. Case studies and focus groups with children and young people found that those with additional life challenges are more susceptible to the negative impacts of social media as they are more likely to experience isolation from friends and family.

Source: Barnard ate: 13 June 201

Further informations Left to their own devices: young people, social media and mental health (PDF)

Guardian

Bitlife - Life Simulator app

This app is for users who are 17 years and older. We have had some concerns that inappropriate conversations have taken place between students, especially Year 7. Students can have fictional relationships with each other.





County Lines is the police term for urban gangs supplying drugs to suburban areas and market and coastal towns using dedicated . mobile phone lines or "deal lines". It involves Child Criminal . Exploitation (CSE) as Gangs use children and vulnerable people to move drugs and money but also to exploit them sexually.

County Lines is very relevant to Norfolk

In Norfolk we are currently seeing the 'retail end' of drug gang operations rather than the gangs themselves. We see their 'soldiers' (dealers) coming here to set up drug dealing operations and to organise their local distribution. They are targeting young people to exploit them both criminally and sexually.

Police say that in Norfolk 1 in 5 arrests made in connection with County lines are of children.

Social Media

Gangs use social media platforms. They glamourize gangs and use it to facilitate the supply of drugs, to increase their status and cause tensions with rival gangs and to recruit new members. Music films are posted on YouTube. They also:

- Give drugs, often cannabis to children for free. After a while they are asked to pay for it as an accrued debt to be paid off by moving drugs or weapons;
- Arrange for a child who has been lured into moving drugs by the promise of easy money, to be violently robbed of the drugs. They then have to pay back the debt of those drugs by moving or dealing drugs or weapons.

Signs of possible involvement:

- Persistently going missing from school/home and/or being found out of area
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones
- Excessive receipt of texts/phone calls
- Relationships with controlling older individuals or groups
- Leaving home/care without explanation
- Suspicion of physical assault or unexplained injuries
- Carrying weapons
- Gang association or isolation from peers or social networks
- Significant changes in emotional well-being

Further reading and guidance

Home Office Guidance - County Lines

Support

Norfolk County Council - Child Criminal **Exploitation**

NSPCC - County Lines Gangs

School - contact the safeguarding team if you have any concerns regarding County Lines and your child or another student in the school

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The Safeguarding Team













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Homelessness

Suicidal thoughts

Drug / Alcohol Abuse

Relationship Abuse

For Safeguarding concerns contact safeguarding@fehs-se-trust If you have a concern about a child's safety or welfare call 0344 800 80 20 or dial 999







