

South Tyneside Safeguarding Partnership

County Lines

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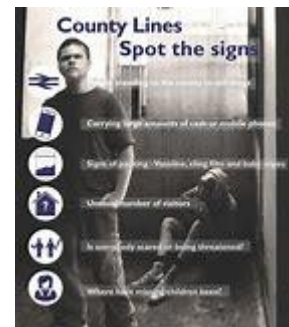


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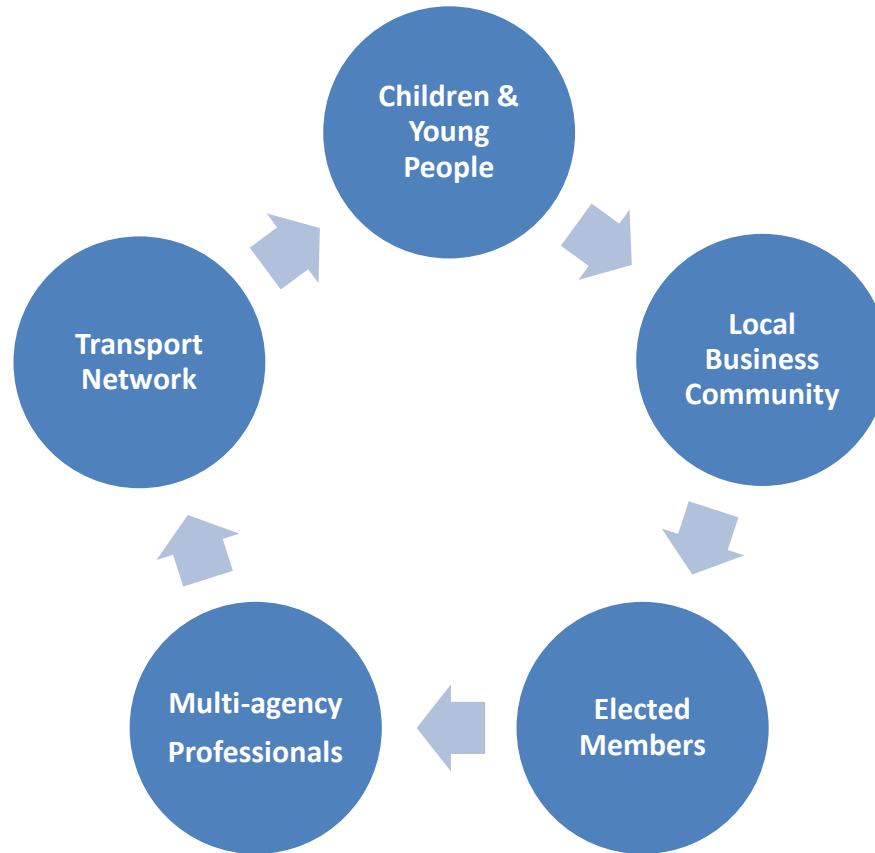


Context

- North East of England
- South Tyneside is the 22nd most deprived borough in England
- Resident population of approximately 29,656 children and young people aged 0-17 years representing 20% of local population
- Of these young people 9.4% are from minority ethnic groups with more than 18 languages spoken the most common Bangladeshi/ Indian / Arabic



Prevention & Awareness Raising



Any Questions ?



Children travelling in taxis or private hire vehicles may be being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime.
Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children to courier drugs and money across the country. Many of these children travel by taxis or private hire vehicles.
Have you seen:



A child, sometimes as young as 12, travelling alone



Are they travelling during school hours or unusual hours (early in the morning, late at night)?



They might seem unfamiliar with the local area, or not have a local accent



Are they travelling a long distance?




Are they paying for these journeys in cash?

If you see something that doesn't feel right, or looks suspicious, concerning a child or young person you should report it to **Crime Stoppers** on 0800 555 111.

 Home Office

Working in partnership with
CrimeStoppers.



DAN, 16, HAS BEEN STABBED AND FORCED TO SELL DRUGS MILES AWAY FROM HOME.

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National Crime Agency

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