



Local action planning to tackle gangs and criminal exploitation

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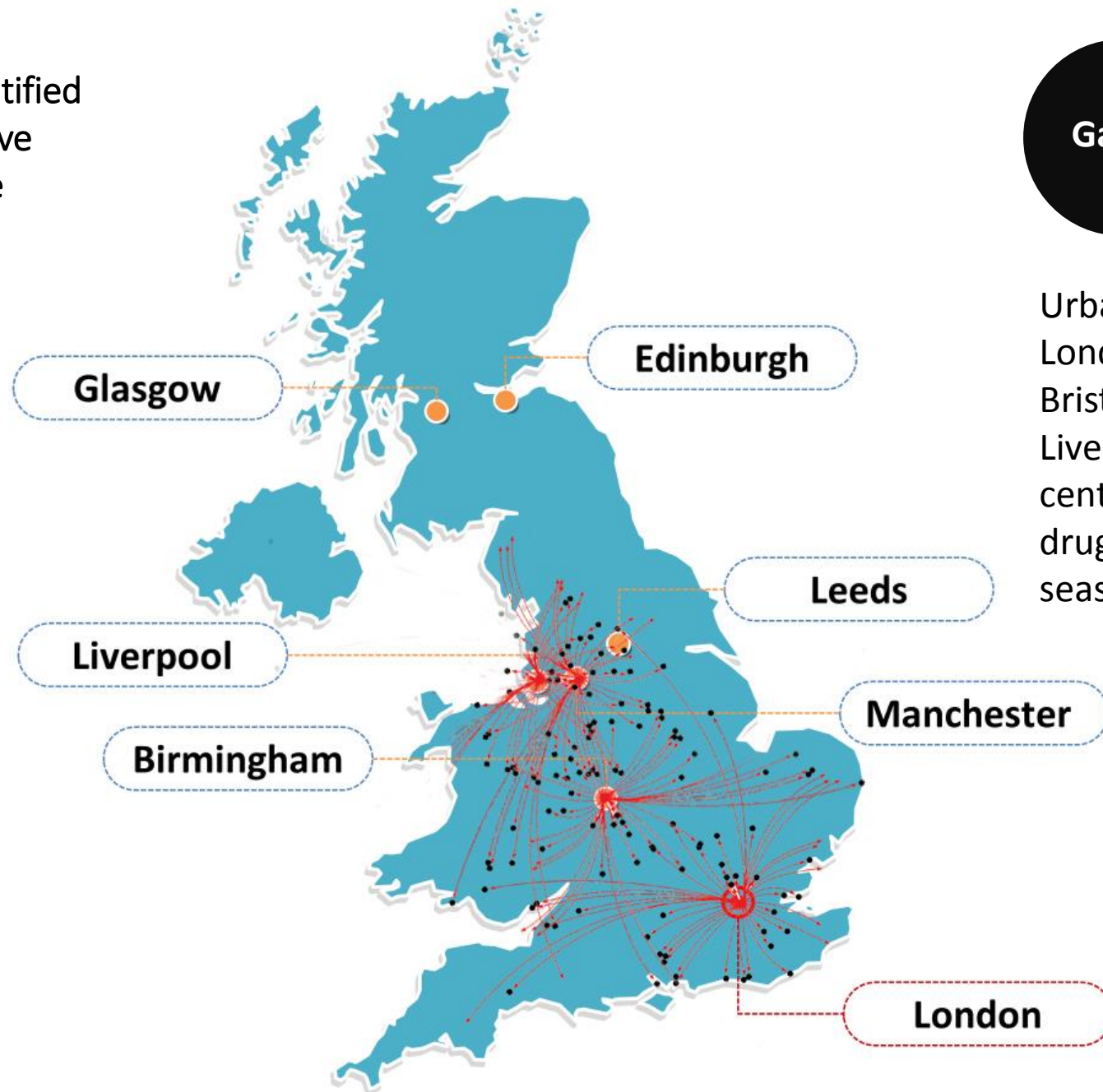
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New methodology has identified 'county lines' as an extensive network of organised crime



Gangs

Urban gangs coming from London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester Liverpool and other urban centres to supply Class A drug markets to rural and seaside towns.

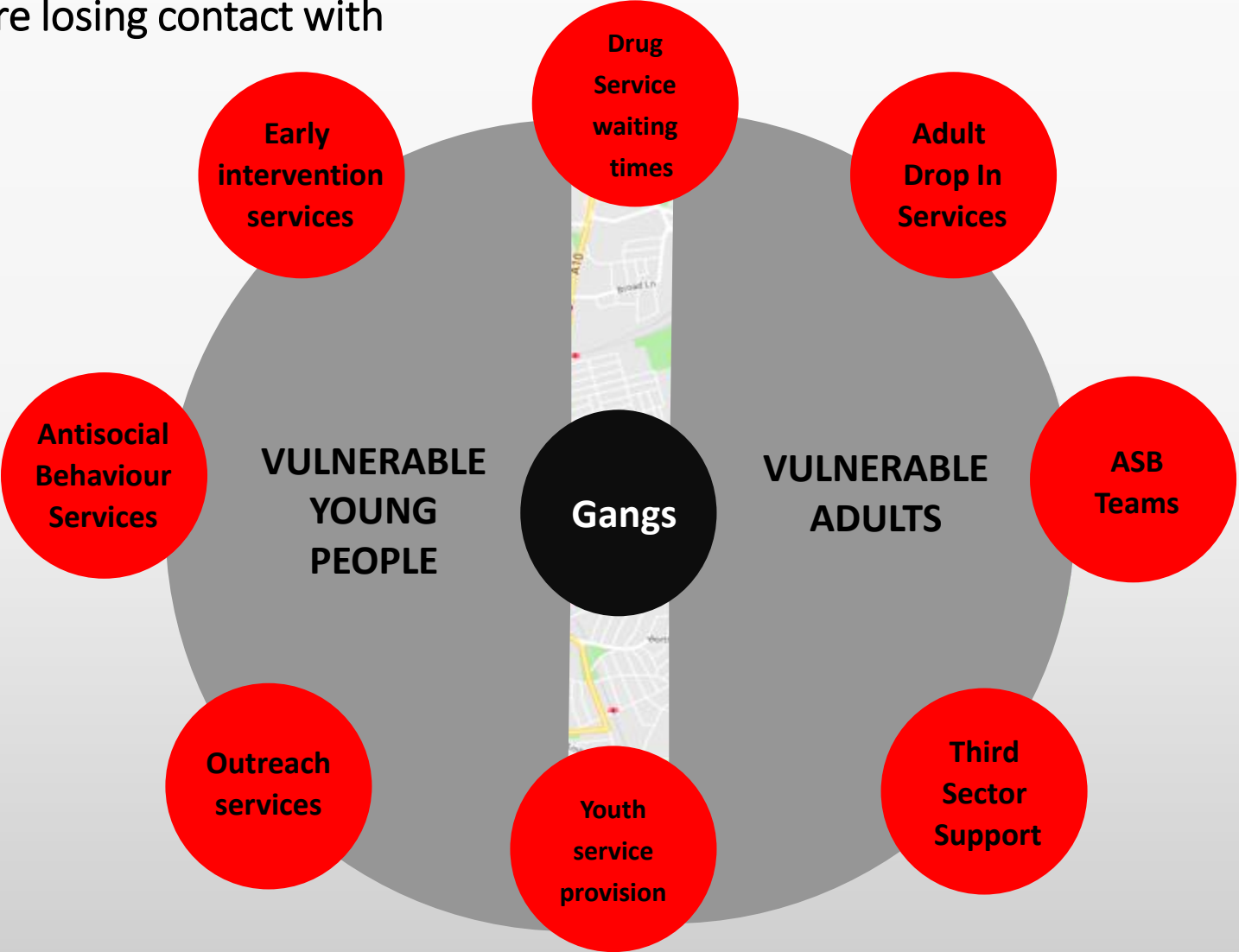
THE DRUG MARKET is fuelling this new type of criminal activity

The **size of local drug markets is unknown** as we can only see the problematic usage and not the recreational drug use.

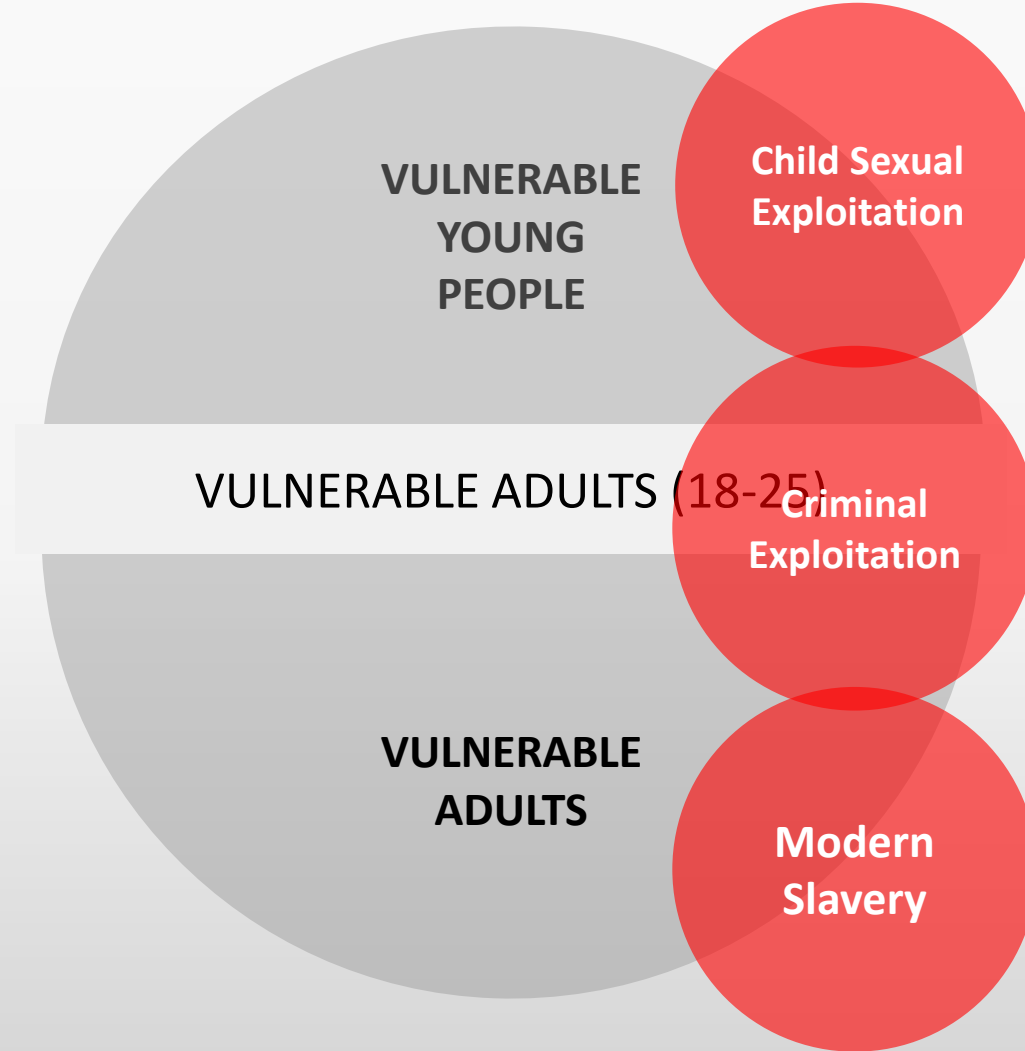
But we know that.....

- The fact that there are an estimated 2000 lines in operation around the country at any one time would suggest these markets are sizeable and extremely lucrative.
- There is an increase in heroin/crack cocaine/cocaine use especially amongst young people.
- There are price wars between rival gangs;- price cutting gimmicks/bogof/raffles
- Xanax + Fentanyl becoming an increasing issue

This gang activity is taking place against a back drop of shrinking services. Gangs are moving into the vacuum left by service reduction and exploiting vulnerable populations who are losing contact with protective services



Resulting in systematic exploitation



So how do we tackle this locally?

SO WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO MANAGE THESE ISSUES?

- In Southend, each of the local Strategic Boards i.e. **CSP, LSCB, SAB, HWBB** have responsibility for managing part of this overall picture
- New strategic group established-
- **Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Group** drawn from all 4 Boards
- Offers a support and challenge role to all 4 Boards to ensure they deliver on work plan

CSP ACTIVITY

- Police operations
- - Community policing
- CSP civil tools and powers (closure orders etc)
- NPS/CRC/Secure Estate-Southend working with Essex wide services to identify, monitor and manage perpetrators working in the borough
- Wider regional considerations

LSCB ACTIVITY

- Safe guarding assessments
- CSE measures
- Education and training on CSE/Gangs and criminal exploitation for young people and staff in youth and community agencies
- Referrals to NRM
- AIPT Team to work with identified young people in a concentrated way

SAB ACTIVITY

- Training on Gangs/modern slavery and criminal exploitation for; all housing workers
- Adult social care.- New worker attached to the team to manage over 18's
- Voluntary agency staff
- Safeguarding assessments

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ACTIVITY

- Training for all health staff on all aspects of gangs and related exploitation activity
- Public Health tasked with assessing local drug markets
- GP and A&E involvement
- Wider regional considerations
- PR Campaign /Comms (counter narrative)

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LOCAL ACTION TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.



A new V+V Action Plan:

- **Understanding the problem** ;- analysis, data and intelligence (Dashboard)- Creating a data set which indicates activity and movement.
- **Prepare**- how to create local conditions where it is hard for gangs to exploit vulnerable people. –Publicity/awareness campaigns/community engagement
- **Prevent** – comprehensive strategy to train staff in schools/social care/ health agencies voluntary agencies
- **Protect/Safeguarding** – vulnerable children and adults activity, screening/identification/intervention
- **Pursue**- identifying, monitoring and managing perpetrators
- **Community Engagement**- begin a stronger and on going dialogue with the community to engage them in the issue and create an alliance to help with the flow of information and in the inhibition of gang and drug dealing activity

THIS IS ANYTOWN



xxx How many lines are coming into the town? **21** Where are they coming from? Is this increasing or decreasing?

London 1 line 1group ↑ Birmingham 10 lines 3 groups ↑ Manchester 4 lines 1 group ↑ Merseyside 6 lines 2 groups ↑

Arrests How many drug arrests in the past month? (Young people and Adults)

↑ **12** Arrests made this month ↓ **4** Appropriate Adult interviews

Youth

How many juveniles have been identified?	How many PWITS? (possession with intent to supply)	How many from inside the town?	How many from other places?	How many safeguarding assessments (S17 and S47) have identified Drug/CSE/gang activity?	How many referrals to the NRM?	Missing from Education (missing from school on a regular or consistent basis)	Missing from Home (more than 3 times)
↑ XX	↑ 4	↓ X	↓ X	↓ X	↓ 5	↓ X	↓ X

Adult

How many cuckooed houses have been identified?	How many have been charged with trafficking/modern slavery offences?	How many closure orders have been applied for?
↑ 34	4	2

Health

How many knife /Gun wounding appearing at frontline health services (A & E)

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One year on..... Highlights

- Collaborative work on publicity.. ***Who's controlling your child?***
- Current specialist team extended to cover vulnerable adults as well as children (Adult Social Care involvement)
- Targeted work on Cuckooing
- OP Censor
- Perpetrator sub group- looking at monitoring Perps in the CJS (including the secure estate) and tracing activity in the community
- Community Engagement

Who's controlling your child?

Criminal gangs are
targeting children to
move drugs & money.

Protect your children by learning what to
look for. Do they have new clothes or
gadgets they can't account for?

Learn all the warning signs at:
southend.gov.uk/SeeTheSigns

Want to tell us something?
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Just a bit of **festive** fun?

Local children are
being used to traffic
your party drugs

Take a moment this Christmas to
think about the young lives your
drug taking is destroying.

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The Coming Year.....

- **Community Engagement**

- - Statutory services cannot manage this problem on its own
- - Need the 3rd Sector groups and agencies
- - Community and residents groups have to be an active partner
- - Concentrated effort in the coming year to mobilise the energy and expertise from the community.

- **Performance Monitoring**

- - establish some KPIs so we can measure our impacts

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