

# PACT NOTICE BOARD

## COUNTY LINES

There has been an increase in Birmingham criminal gangs pushing drugs into rural counties. Vulnerable juveniles are being recruited as drug runners so that the criminals can manage the

operation from afar. Children are being lured with lavish gifts including cash, phones, drugs and branded clothing. Following a recent police investigation a total of 12 men from Birmingham were sentenced for involvement in running county lines.



## Signs to look for

- Persistently going missing from school or being spotted outside of their local area.
- Unexplained money, new clothing or a mobile phone.
- Gang association
- Suspicion of self harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries.
- Parental concerns
- Significant decline in school performance
- Significant changes in emotional well-being

## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are stressful or traumatic experiences that can have a huge impact on children and young people throughout their lives.

Examples of this are physical, sexual, verbal abuse, neglect or growing up in a household where there are adults with alcohol and drug use, mental health problems, witnessing domestic violence, having separated parents or parents that have spent time in jail.

## PREVENT

### ► What is Radicalisation

- Radicalisation is a process by which an individual or a group comes to adopt increasingly extreme political, social or religious ideas and aspirations that reject or undermine the status quo (current state of things) or undermine contemporary ideas and expressions of freedom.