## DUSSINDALE SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER





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#### Your Safeguarding Team



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### **Getting the Right Level of Help**

We know that there are times when families need some support and advice and as a school we are here to listen. There are different ways that we can help families:

#### **Day to Day Advice**

Parents can speak to their child's class teacher or ask to speak to one of the adults in the DSL team through the school office.

#### **Finding Services**

The DSL Team can refer families to services such as the Mental Health Schools Team, Just One Number or the Schools Community Team for advice and support.

#### **Early Help Assessment Plan**

The Lead DSL/SENCO can support families with a Help Plan. We work together with a child and their family over a three month period on areas such as behaviours at home/emotional wellbeing.

#### **Self Referral for Early Help**

Parents can make a self referral by clicking on the link below. An assessment is made and Early Help works with the family to choose the right level of support.

Request Form for Early Help



#### Parent or carer? Need advice or support? There's lots of services to help in Norfolk and they're joining together in what's called Norfolk Pamily Hubs. Visit www.serofolk.gov.uk/family Hubs of Visit www.serofolk.gov.uk/family Hubs to out more, including information on: Parenting

Pregnancy Pregnancy From the minute you know you're having a baby, right up to your child's 19th birthday (25 if your child has special educational needs), Norfolk Pamily Hube are here to help.



#### **Early Childhood Family Service**

INorfolk is covered by the Early Childhood and Family Service for families with children age 0-5. If you need extra help or someone to talk to, you can request support from the website or contact the team on 0344 800 8020 or by email: ECFS-

Families@actionforchildren.org.uk There is also a Facebook Page- search for Broadland ECFS.

#### What is county lines?

County lines is a form of criminal exploitation where urban gangs persuade, coerce or force children and young people to store drugs and money and/or transport them to suburban areas, market towns and coastal towns . It can happen in any part of the UK and is against the law and a form of child abuse.

County lines gangs are highly organised criminal networks that use sophisticated, frequently evolving techniques to groom young people and evade capture by the police. Perpetrators use children and young people to maximise profits and distance themselves from the criminal act of physically dealing drugs. Young people do the majority of the work and take the most risk.

Dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines" are used to help facilitate county lines drug deals. Phones are usually cheap, disposable and old fashioned, because they are changed frequently to avoid detection by the police. Gangs use the phones to receive orders and contact young people to instruct them where to deliver drugs. This may be to a local dealer or drug user, or a dealer or drug user in another county.

Phrases that young people may use to refer to county lines include: 'running a line', 'going OT/out there' 'going country' 'going cunch'.

	What to look out for:
	The following signs may indicate that a child is being exploited by a county lines gang:
•	frequently going missing from school, home or care
•	travelling to locations, or being found in areas they have no obvious connections with
•	unwillingness to explain their whereabouts
•	acquiring money, clothes, accessories or mobile phones which they seem unable to account for
•	receiving excessive texts or phone calls at all hours of the day
•	having multiple mobile phone handsets or sim cards
•	withdrawing or having sudden changes in personality, behaviour or the language they use
•	having relationships with controlling or older individuals and groups
•	unexplained injuries
•	carrying weapons
•	significant decline in school results or performance
•	being isolated from peers or social networks
•	associating with or being interested in gang culture
•	self-harming or having significant changes in mental health



It's really hard when you think your child isn't safe. We are here to listen and help.



# SAFECALL It's your call.

Call or text 116 000, 7 days a week, 9am-11pm

### for free, confiden �al support

Safecall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)

