



PIER TRAINING SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

County Lines



County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons. HM Government, 2018.

Read more by clicking the image below.



What is the 'line'? The line is the telephone number that the users call to obtain their drugs. It is heavily marketed as a brand by the dealers and is the vital element in the drug supply chain.

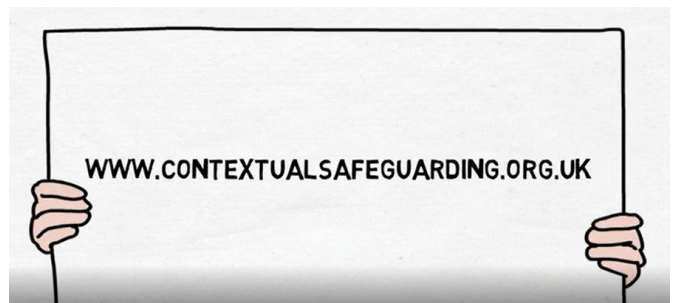
Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery

Trafficking is a serious crime and a grave violation of a person's human rights. Human Trafficking is the recruitment, harbouring, transportation, transferring or receipt of a person for the purpose of exploitation, using such means as threats, force, coercion, abduction, fraud or deception. People are trafficked for many different forms of exploitation including forced labour, domestic servitude and forced prostitution.

Read more by clicking the image below.



Contextual Safeguarding – Protecting children beyond the home



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Whistleblowing for employees



What is a whistleblower

You're a whistleblower if you're a worker and you report certain types of wrongdoing. This will usually be something you've seen at work - though not always.

As a whistleblower you're protected by law - you should not be treated unfairly or lose your job because you 'blow the whistle'.

Complaints that count as whistleblowing.

Did you know that you are protected by law if you report any of the following:

- a criminal offence, for example fraud
- someone's health and safety is in danger
- risk or actual damage to the environment
- a miscarriage of justice
- the company is breaking the law, for example does not have the right insurance
- you believe someone is covering up wrongdoing

For more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/whistleblowing>



Mental Health Support



Do not face a mental health problem alone!

[Mind](#) provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem.

Local Minds provide help and support directly to those who need it most. There's a network of around 125 local Minds across England and Wales that offer specialised support and care based on the needs of the communities they support.

If you are experiencing a mental health problem, visit the [information and support](#) section on Minds website or alternatively why not speak to Pier Training's dedicated Pastoral Peer, Lisa Lawson for confidential advice and support.

Click the image to download the flyer for more information and contact details.



Pastoral Support

What is Pastoral support?

Pastoral support is a provision that Pier Training make to support the physical and emotional wellbeing of our learners. It is there to help you feel safe and happy and ensure we can support you to reach your full academic potential.

The health and wellbeing of our learners is an integral part of Pier Training regardless of qualification level. Our Pastoral Peer combined with dedicated people and policies ensure that all learners in our care are supported to develop and reach their full potential.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines mental health as *'a state of wellbeing in which the individual realises his or her abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.'*

Did you know that 1 in 6 adults [report a common mental health disorder](#).

Your mental health influences your physical health, as well as your capability to lead a healthy lifestyle and to manage and recover from physical health conditions.

What can Lisa help you with?

- Offer you an impartial ear to 'listen' to what may be bothering you or what you may be going through
- Decide on the best course of action to support you – this could be signposting, referring or even as simple as talking to your Tutor or line Manager
- Share up to date and relevant information advice and guidance to support your particular problem including a quarterly newsletter
- Agree a plan of action to support your academic learning if this is being affected
- Instigate a break in learning if this is deemed as the best course of action
- Plan regular KIT (keeping in touch) calls so you always have a friendly contact you can rely on
- Confidentiality unless she feels you are at risk and then the [Safeguarding policy](#) would be initiated

Regardless how small your problem is, Lisa is willing to listen and decide how best to help. Remember *'a problem shared is a problem halved'*.

Lisa can be contacted confidentially on:

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[Types of Mental Health Problems](#)

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Cybercrime

Helping you choose the right and legal path.

Many are getting involved in cybercrime without realising that they are breaking the law.

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Cybercrime is criminal activity committed using computers and/or the internet. It is broadly categorised as either 'cyber-enabled' (crimes that can happen off-line but are enabled at scale and at speed on-line) or 'cyber dependent' (crimes that can be committed only by using a computer).

Cyber-dependent crimes include:

- unauthorised access to computers (illegal 'hacking'), for example accessing a school's computer network to look for test paper answers or change grades awarded
- 'Denial of Service' (Dos or DDoS) attacks or 'booting'. These are attempts to make a computer, network or website unavailable by overwhelming it with internet traffic from multiple sources, and,
- making, supplying or obtaining malware (malicious software) such as viruses, spyware, ransomware, botnets and Remote Access Trojans with the intent to commit further offence, including those above
- Children with particular skills and interest in computing and technology may inadvertently or deliberately stray into cyber-dependent crime. KCSE (2022)

Visit [CYBERCHOICES](#)