

Dear Parent /Guardian,

I hope this finds you well,

Sadly, no one is exempt from becoming a victim to County Lines and its associated criminality and exploitation. It doesn't matter about age, gender, race, religion, postcode, education status, background / upbringing or family wealth. We need to stand in unison and prevent innocent youths and vulnerable adults from becoming victims.

What do we do?

One Chance has been commissioned by The National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC) to facilitate awareness workshops around the subjects of County Lines in schools and organisations across England and Wales.

Workshops are designed to be proactive and reactive whilst heightening crucial awareness around the subject of County Lines to contribute towards increased learning and importantly reducing the number of victims of such crimes.

County Lines has and still is dominating our news with both factual reporting on cases as well as drama and documentary series, with differing/conflicting views. This may leave people feeling unsure of what County Lines is and what they can do, but we are here to not only support and raise awareness to school students, but we also facilitate Parent / Guardian workshops. We are working with schools by upskilling them with regards to Safeguarding and County lines.

One Chance works closely with statutory organisations to contribute towards achieving safer communities whilst introducing schools to meetings to get more support for individuals in need of the services on offer.

Schools:

One Chance have met with specific school staff and the workshop content has been shared to help safeguard children.

One Chance workshops will cover categories such as:

- **What is County Lines?**
- **Grooming techniques and trends used by County Lines networks to coerce youths in**
- **Why would some use a youth to drug run?**
- **Dispel myths and imbed facts.**
- **Support agencies**

One Chance are attending Edwinstree Middle School as of 19th July 2023. Throughout the day there will be assemblies to Year 7 and Year 8. Every KS3 child attending the school will participate in awareness workshops, as well a Drop-In service which will be available post the workshop. Drop-In services are designed to allow students to seek confidential support regarding County Lines and associated criminality, which will help work towards decreasing the risk and enhancing safeguarding. Drop-In services will be available Lunch time and after school hours (**up till 16.00**).

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the Drop-Ins for support.

Anonymous questionnaires will be circulated to students, parents and guardians in order for us to identify any gaps and change of content.

Kind Regards

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