

KENT GANGS & COUNTY LINES

SERVICE:

Providing long-term support to children and young people to reduce risk and prevent serious youth violence, exploitation, gang and county line activity.

Up to the age of 25 | Kent and Medway



Family support



Gangs and Violence Reduction



Looked after children and care leavers



Missing from home or care and child exploitation

Delivering both preventative and protective interventions, we support children and young people up to the age of 25, who are at risk of child criminal exploitation (CCE) and county lines in Kent and Medway.

Focusing on each young person's individual needs, and working alongside their close relatives and immediate support network, we put together a bespoke programme of support to reduce risk and help young people to cope and, as far as possible recover from the impact of exploitation.

OUR APPROACH

Delivered by our team of specialist caseworkers, our interventions take a holistic, trauma-informed approach that is appropriate to the age, risk and experiences of the young person.

Depending on their individual needs and circumstances, young people receive support on subjects including (but not limited to) healthy relationships, choices and consequences, understanding relationships, knife crime and the law, sexual health advice, substance misuse and more. Our provision is not time-limited, so we are able to offer both short and long-term interventions where necessary.

We also help young people to access other services where it is thought additional support would be beneficial.



ACCESSING SUPPORT

Wherever possible, our caseworkers will prioritise working with the young person face-to-face, and on a one-to-one basis.

However, we recognise that this is not always right for the young people we work with, so we also offer a variety of other ways to interact with staff, including via telephone and video call.

We also deliver group sessions within certain settings, where we have identified potential themes and trends through our mapping work, in order to tackle low-level risks.

RAISING AWARENESS:

In addition to delivering a range of targeted one-to-one support, Kent County Lines and Gangs works to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and county lines to professionals, young people, and the wider local community.

This includes early intervention work within schools and with education providers to raise awareness of the risks of child criminal exploitation and to encourage protective behaviours, as well as the creation of a range of resources that can be utilised by other professionals.

USEFUL RESOURCES:

[Spot the Signs: Child Exploitation and Missing Awareness poster hub](#)

[Child Exploitation and Online Protection Safety Centre](#)

[PACE \(Parents Against Child Exploitation\)](#)




[SPACE \(Stop and Prevent Adolescent Criminal Exploitation\)](#)

[Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership](#)

For all enquiries and referrals,
please contact:

KentCCE.referrals@catch-22.org.uk



REFERRAL OPTIONS:

-  You can refer yourself.
-  You can refer family or a friend.
-  You can refer a client.

Direct referrals are accepted into the service via our [referral form](#). Referrals received through direct referral will be considered following a consultation process.

Referrals into the service can be made by anyone but service users must be aware of the referral and meet the thresholds for service.

VOLUNTEER & PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

-  You can volunteer for this service.
-  You can get a placement at this service.

We take on both short- and long-term student placements from a variety of social care and psychology courses. These are unpaid placements but will provide you with the experience and skills of working complex and demanding caseloads of work.

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