County Lines and Child Exploitation - Resources

This info sheet lists local, national and online resources that offer guidance on supporting children and young people at risk of exploitation.

Escapeline – a local charity who offer training, support, and guidance.

Ivision Trust - a national charity who offer telephone support and webinars for parents and carers.

St Giles Trust - information on the signs of exploitation and on police involvement. The Trust runs several peer hubs; there are currently none in the BCP area, but hubs elsewhere can be accessed by foster carers or where children are moving to live with a parent living within the catchment area.

Action For Children - Child exploitation: what you need to know - key points of what child exploitation is, and the signs to look out for.

CEOP Education - Online Safety - online safety resources for parents, carers and professionals, and for children aged 4-18.

It's Not Okay - PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) - a national campaign by Project Phoenix in Greater Manchester. The website has information for children and young people, parents, and professionals, including safety advice and lived experience stories.

The Children's Society - Child Exploitation Programmes - resources for parents, available in 17 languages. Also runs several programmes which are working nationally to improve strategies and responses to child exploitation.

Marie Collins Foundation (technology-assisted sexual abuse) - support and advocacy for victims of technology-assisted child sexual abuse. The website has practical guides for victims ages 9+ and their parents/carers. Also details training and events available for professionals.

National Network to End Child Abuse - child sexual abuse prevention infographics which can be downloaded, printed, or shared online. Also includes links to where to report.

NSPCC - Social media - guidance on keeping children safe on social media, including the risks, popular terminology, age ratings, and mental health impacts.

Children's Commissioner - Keeping children safe online: why we must tackle misinformation and violence content - discusses misinformation and violent content in the aftermath of the Southport attack, and how children are affected by misinformation. Includes some further links to resources on spotting fake news.

Save The Children: 12 tips you can trust: talking to your children about racism - advice on how to have an ongoing conversation with children about race, bias and stereotypes.