



County Lines

'County Lines' and the supply of drugs is effectively a gang of at least three people who have established a drug market in a rural town, with origins to an urban city location. For example for Suffolk, it is likely to be a gang from London with them moving into local towns, predominantly Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft to transport/sell class A drugs (specifically crack cocaine and heroin).

Suspicious signs

Local residents may notice more people living at an address of a vulnerable person. Drug dealers often take over the home, make them sell drugs and use the home as a place for others to take drugs. Unusual activity could include:

- Regular comings and goings from the address from lots of people not known locally in the area
- Anti-social behaviour/activity from a property at night/early morning/signs of drug usage – i.e. needles discarded
- Strange smells coming from the property
- Windows covered or curtains closed all the time
- Cars pulling up to or near the property for a short period of time

What role can the general public/partners play?

If someone is in immediate danger or a crime is taking place:

In an emergency call **999** and ask for the Police

Anyone with information should contact Suffolk Police on **101**

If you would prefer to stay anonymous they should call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Any information which does not need immediate action please visit the website:
www.suffolk.police.uk

Professionals and paid carers working with children can contact the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) consultation line on 0345 606 1499 Mon to Thurs 9am to 5pm and on Fridays from 9am to 4.25pm.

For more information visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk and search for 'Reporting a child at risk of harm'