

# Going Country: Tackling the Continuing Rise of County Lines Gangs and Supporting Victims

Event taking place online | 3rd December 2020

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| 10.00 | <b>Chair's Introduction - <i>Joe Russo, Chief Executive, The Enthusiasm Trust</i></b>  |
| 10.05 | <b>Keynote Address: A National Update on County Lines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive a Government update on national developments and local responses</li><li>• Review recommendations from HMICFRS report on the response to County Lines</li><li>• Where are we now?: Explore local and national County Lines trends and developments</li></ul> ⇒ <b><i>Matt Parr CB, HM Inspector of Constabulary and Fire &amp; Rescue Services</i></b> |
| 10.30 | <b>An update from the National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive an up-to-date brief on the NCLCC agenda</li><li>• Review policy and guidance related to and addressing County Lines</li></ul>  |
| 11.10 | Morning Break  |
| 11.30 | <b>Exploring County Lines Cultures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding the victims experience</li><li>• Review the culture and the mechanism with how these gangs operate and where</li><li>• Understand operational implications for local areas</li></ul>  |
| 12.30 | Lunch  |

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- 13.00 **Guidance on Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults**
- Exploring and Interrogating County Lines Gang tactics: Use of Cuckooing, coercion and manipulation
  - Using the Modern Slavery Act to tackle county lines
  - Review best practice in safeguarding vulnerable children and adults from county lines
  - Measures to stop the spread of county lines trafficking in educational facilities
- 14.00 **Developing a multi-agency approach to tackling county lines gang**
- Ensuring a comprehensive response to County Lines across all public sector groups
  - Avoiding county lines organisational silos: creating mechanisms to share information more easily
  - Responsibilities of police, children's services, housing and the health sectors
  - Strengthening information sharing to respond and tackle child and vulnerable adult exploitation
- 15.00 Chair's Summary of Day & Event Close

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