

County Lines

In the United Kingdom, the term county lines is a neologism referring to the practice of using children to traffic drugs into rural areas. In 2018, British police stated that they believed there were around 1,500 drug trafficking routes of this sort in the United Kingdom. There has been much in the media over the past few months reporting this growing trend and the concerns particularly to the young and the vulnerable.

Dorchester is identified as of concern with regard to County Lines with rail links in from both the north and east. Therefore it is important we take measures to safeguard both our town and more importantly our children.

The web link below gives further information about this and a format to report concerns. We would urge any concerns to also be reported to the Police.

<https://www.escapeline.org.uk/>