

JUNE 15TH 2027 3.30 - 5PM TEAMS

UNDERSTANDING GANGS AND CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

In this course, we will cover why young people may become involved, how to recognise the signs, and how to have supportive conversations that keep them safe.

Despite reports of a rise in youth knife crime, particularly in major UK cities, the vast majority of young people in the UK are not involved with gangs, knives and guns and probably never will be. However, whilst they might never have real life experience of gangs and gang life, most young people will have views and opinions based on things they have seen and heard growing up. Social media, music videos, gaming and 'gangster' movies along with the opinions of family and friends, all influence choices made, both positive and negative.

This webinar will cover:

- Identification: Recognise the early "push and pull" factors of gang recruitment and the specific indicators of CCE, including "County Lines" involvement.
- The Grooming Process: Understand the sophisticated grooming techniques used to exploit vulnerable students and how this differs from peer-on-peer grouping.
- Safeguarding & Law: Navigate the legal framework surrounding CCE, including the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and the impact of "Joint Enterprise."
- Language & Banter: Challenge the glamorisation of gang culture and understand the nuances of the language used by students to mask exploitation.
- Practical Intervention: Implement effective school-based strategies for early intervention and robust partnership working with external agencies.

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