WILTSHIRE POLICE BRIEFING



School and College Engagement

Date-October 3rd-7th 2022

The Wiltshire Police youth and early intervention offer works with schools to share messages and educate young people, with an aim to keep young people safe from harm and exploitation.

Our Youth and Early Intervention Team along with colleagues from our Community Policing Teams deliver lessons and workshops, in schools and online.

Each school has an allocated Community Policing Team Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) as a point of contact. If you are not sure who this is, for confirmation please email YouthSwindon@wiltshire.police.uk if your school is based in Swindon or youth@wiltshire.police.uk for schools based across the rest of the county.

County Lines Awareness week

Monday 3rd- Friday 7th October 2022

From Monday 3rd- Friday 7th October, we will be joining other forces in raising awareness of County Lines, the exploitation of children and young people by criminals to traffic drugs by inputs through education in schools, colleges and across social media.

It is vital that we engage with Children and Young People, and their parents and carers to educate them to spot the signs of County Lines, and how to report this issue.

The Youth and Early Intervention (YEI) team have created a short ten minute <u>film clip about County</u> Lines for you to share with students (guidance is year 8 and above).

This can also be shared with parents and carers, along with a leaflet which will be shared next week for distribution.

As well as the clip, we are happy to promote our **Exploitation and Vulnerability Awareness session**, delivered to students aged between 14-16 years. This highlights a range of issues such as County Lines, Weapons Awareness and Criminal Exploitation.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss arranging this session further, please get in touch by emailing the YEI team on either of the emails above.

For National reporting purposes we would really appreciate if you could let us know if you have shared this clip in your students and with parents and tell us approximately how many people this has been shared with. Please feedback your thoughts to the YEI Team here.

Educational School Engagement Sessions – Available lessons for your school / college

As well for your awareness, the Youth and Early Intervention team have worked with partners to create four educational inputs, available for all schools. These will run alongside any awareness weeks or seasonal messages that may be promoted throughout the school year.

These four core thematic sessions are below:

Session	Overview	Key Stage recommendation*	Learning Outcomes
Primary			
People Who Help Us (approx. 30 minutes to 1 hour)	Understanding the role of the police and the concept of 'safe adults'. Promoting friendship and kindness.	KS1 – age 4-6	 To enable students to understand who their 'safe adults' are To allow students to understand the role of the police To promote friendship and the importance of being kind
Personal and Online Safety (approx. 1 hour)	Understanding the dangers of online exploitation and the harm caused by virtual abuse. This training program will look at cybercrime/sexting and how young people can keep themselves safe online.	KS 2 – age 8-11	 To instil an overall sense of safety in young people Educate young people on how to be safe online, exploring topics such as social media and gaming. Signpost young people to other support services for help and guidance
Secondary			
Sexting and Healthy Relationships	Look at healthy relationships & how to diffuse conflict through	KS3 – age 12-13	To inform young people on sexting and the law
(Approx. 1 hour)	restorative practises. Supporting young people to understand coercion & control and what healthy relationships look like. Providing skills to use restorative approaches		 To allow young people to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships To signpost young people onto services for further support and advice.
Keeping Safe (Exploitation and Vulnerability) (Approx. 1 hour)	Touching on a range of issues such as County Lines, Weapons Awareness and Criminal Exploitation.	KS3 and KS4 – age 14- 16	 To inform young people about contemporary issues such as County and Local lines

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This training package will look to identify what makes young people vulnerable/how they can protect and support themselves and each other. Teaching inclusion, diversity & acceptance, to raise awareness of radicalisation and Prevent agenda. The training will signpost to other useful websites or resources, including how to report any concerns.	 To allow young people to recognise the signs of exploitation To give young people skills to protect themselves from exploitation

Each lesson plan has:

- A comprehensive crib sheet and PowerPoint, so could be delivered by a Teacher/Pastoral or PHSE Lead, until schools are happy with visitors on site
- Resources for the children to complete and use during the session
- A letter to parents advising of the input, and where they can get further information on the issue being discussed
- An evaluation for the presenter and teacher to complete
- An agreement for the School and Wiltshire Police to sign
- Been reviewed against PHSE criteria
- Been shared with a Speech and Language therapist

The YEI Team will also have additional resources available upon request – coming soon:

- LGBTQ+ and Hate Crime Awareness A video created by the Youth and Early Intervention Team and Wiltshire Police LGBTQ+ Leads (and Police Community Support Officers) Lee Hare and Kate Jackson.
- 'Choices' A Decision Making Story Aimed at Year 6 leavers transition to Year 7, this story (in association with West Midlands Police) equips the young reader with the skills to avoid some of the most worrisome issues they may face in society alongside three accompanying lesson plans, including important information on County Lines.
- Anti-Bullying Week Assembly Resources We have developed presentation resources for schools (both primary and early secondary years) and other settings to help bring the annual Anti-Bullying Week to life.
- **Targeted Offers** A Substance Misuse session and a more targeted Weapon Awareness session, which are not offered as part of the core school engagement offer. These are recommended upon request and are for secondary schools.
- Alice Ruggles Trust Resources (Stalking and Harassment) Aimed at KS5 (17-18 years), we
 have dedicated lessons to promote awareness of unhealthy relationship behaviours and
 stalking in order to help protect young people from the potential risks in such situations.

^{*} recommended age – however, locally this may be amended for the most appropriate age group, on discussion with the Youth and Early Intervention team and the Head Teacher.