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## Responding to Drugs, County Lines & Child Criminal Exploitation

Consolidated slides

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Why not?

Lack of drugs education

Poor drugs education

Misinformation

Social Media

Peer influence

Role models

Rewards

Links to other activity

Family influence



What creates the greatest risk?

Part of grooming

Experimentation

Be popular or included

Self medication

Distraction & escapism

Risk & intrigue

Fun & excitement

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Complex  
 wholesale-middle-retail market  
 Switching between imperial & metric  
 Prioritising consumer price stability  
 But sacrificing consumer quality  
 = Price v Value dynamic

Metric Ton  
 = 1000 kilograms

Kilogram  
 = 35 to 36 ounces  
 (35.27)

Ounce  
 = 28 grams  
 (28.35)

1 gram

14 grams	½ oz
7 grams	¼ oz
3.5 grams	1/8 oz
1.75 grams	1/16 oz

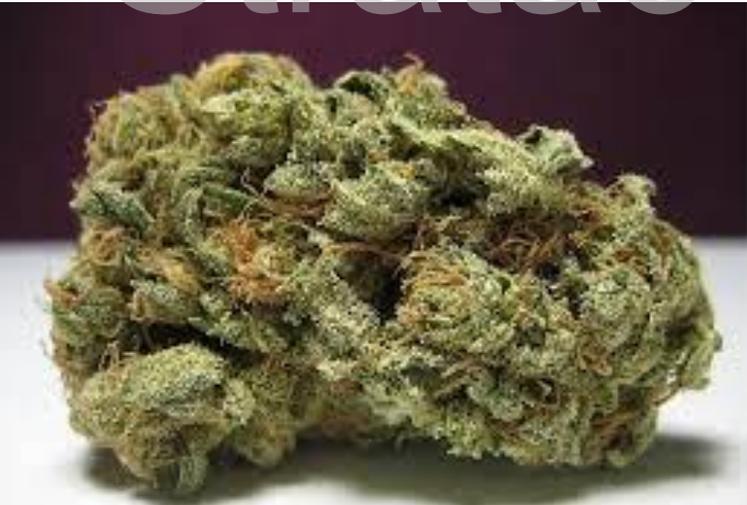
½ kilo		500 grams
¼ kilo	9 ounces	250 grams
1/8 kilo		125 grams
1/16 kilo	2 ¼ ounces	62.5 grams

½ gram		
0.2 gram	£20 bag / rock	
0.1 grams	£10 bag / rock	£5 bag / rock

0.065 15 deals	0.125 8 deals
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“Key”, “brick”, “box” ...  
 “oz”, “2 & a Q”, “corner” ...  
 “Henry”, “teenth”, “8 ball” ...  
 “g”, “point”, “rock”, “bag”, “line”, “pill” ...

Cannabis 

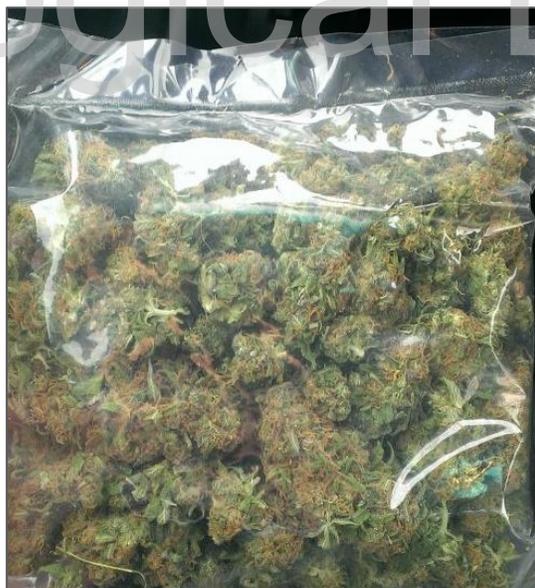


“Puff, weed, smoke, draw, bud, skunk (but now many brands) such as cheese, haze, amnesia, cali, kush, gelato, ammo... And hash for resin.

# Cannabis

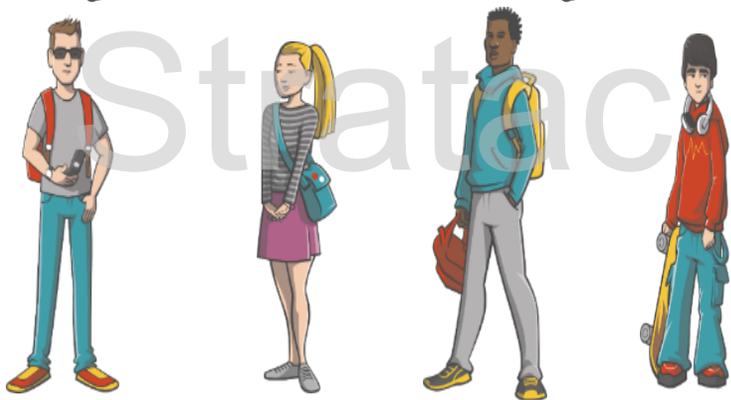
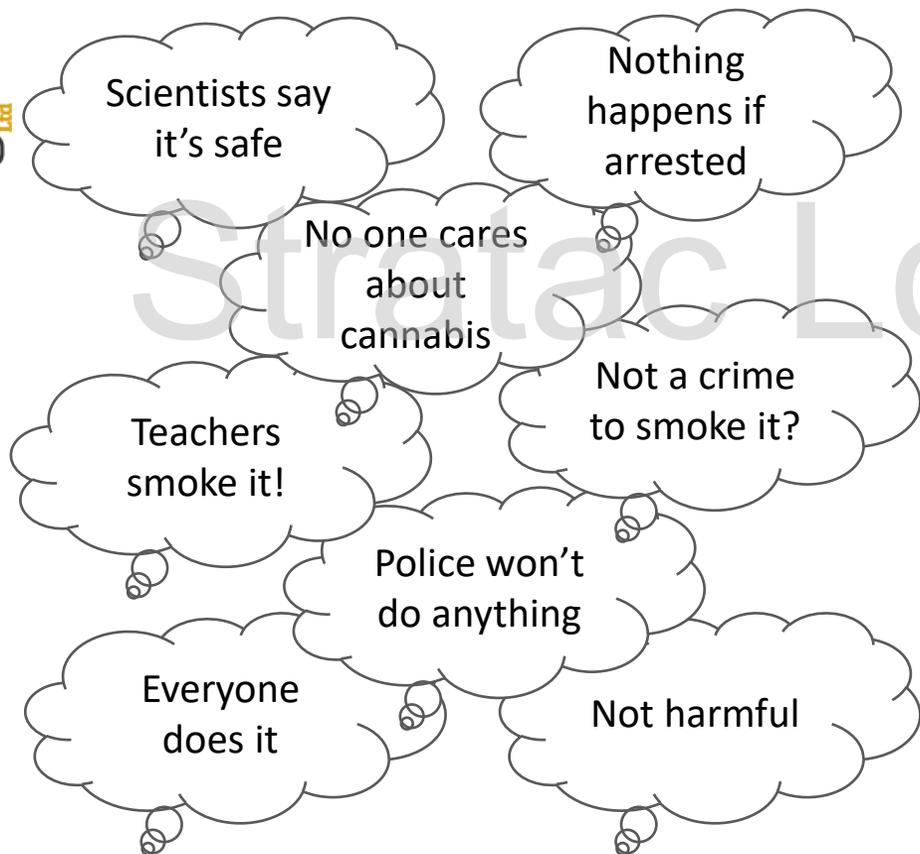


Cannabis 'seriousness' is not just about its status as a substance.



It's a risk factor and an implication to wider exploitation and crime.

And it is harmful.



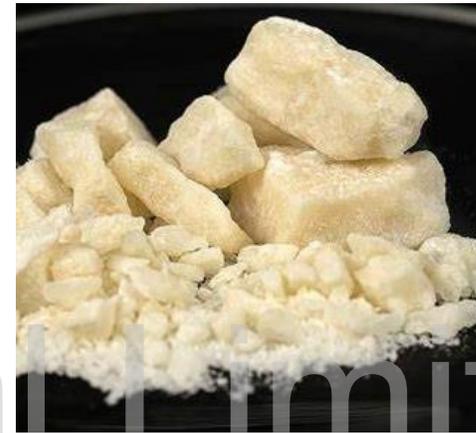
Heroin & crack cocaine



Brown, H, smack, bag, 0.1, 0.2, point



*Cunch, spot, bando, roadman, OT, G, youngers, YG, P, reload, re-up...*



Rocks, stones, pebs, white (and brown), littles, crack...



Benzo's & 'lean' i



Purple drank, sizzurp, Purple, Lean...

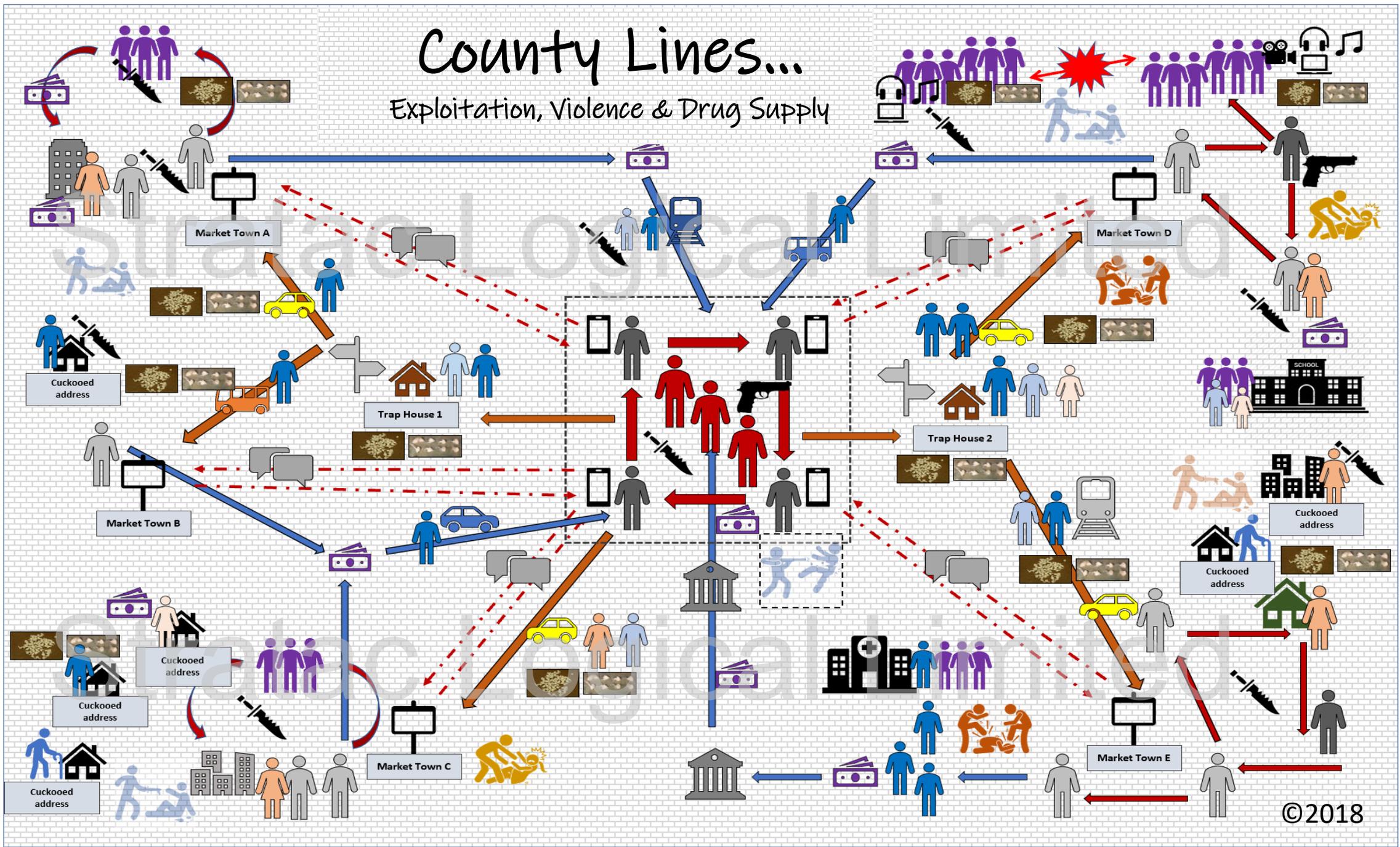


Benzo's, blues, xannies, vallies...



# County Lines...

Exploitation, Violence & Drug Supply





## What difference does it make?

Environment

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**Gang:** A relatively durable, predominantly street-based group of young people who

1. see themselves (and are seen by others) as a discernible group,
2. engage in a range of criminal activity and violence,
3. identify with or lay claim over territory,
4. have some form of identifying structural feature and;
5. are in conflict with other similar gangs

(Dying to Belong, 2009)



**Affiliation**

(member of a gang)

**Business**

(victim of a gang)



**County Lines:** is a term used to describe gangs and organised crime networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other forms of “deal line”. They are likely to exploit children or vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

(NCA report, 2018)

What are they doing? What does that look like? Why are they doing it?  
How have they been influenced and to what extent?

'5Cs of Choice' 



Complicit

Compliant

Compelled

Coerced

Cheated

Secrecy & lies

Mood swings

Impulsive reactions

Anxiety

Appearance & 'rollercoaster' changes



Medication

Injuries

Drugs & alcohol

Branded goods & gifts

Cash & accounts

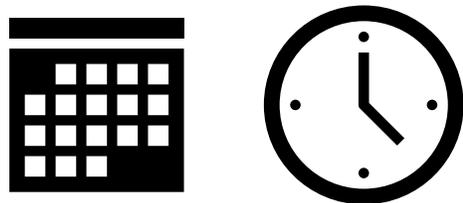
Transport & travel

Timing patterns

New friends

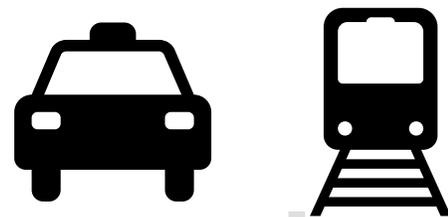
Additional phone

Unexplained change - new patterns - inconsistency



Class	Ticket type	Adult	Child	
STD	SUPER OFFPK DAY ONE	NIL		OUT
Start date	Number			
NSE	26-FBY-12	76892	1472521930	
From	Valid until	Price		
HASTINGS *	26-FBY-12	£14.00X		
To	Route	Validity		
LONDON CHARING X	BATTLE NOT HS1	ON DATE SHOW		
<b>2-PART RETURN</b>				

Printed 09:34 on 26-FBY-12



Receipt no. 8835/0603/00603 20/04/18 14:32

010100 Pay parking ticket 5.00 £  
20/04/18 09:54 - 20/04/18 14:31  
Length of stay: 0 Dv, 4 Hr, 37 Min.  
02995387047011018110356400??

Total amount 5.00 £

Credit CIS card 10 5.00 £  
VAT 20.00 % 0.83 £

The Mall - Welthamstov  
45 Selborne Walk  
E17 7JR London  
Tel: 0208 5090016

Sale 5.00 GBP

Receipt no. 9458/0603/00603 22/05/18 17:45

010100 Pay parking ticket 5.00 £  
22/05/18 09:53 - 22/05/18 17:46  
Length of stay: 0 Dv, 7 Hr, 53 Min.  
0299538704701101814255860??

Total amount 5.00 £

Credit CIS card 10 5.00 £  
VAT 20.00 % 0.83 £

The Mall - Welthamstov  
45 Selborne Walk  
E17 7JR London  
Tel: 0208 5090016

Sale 5.00 GBP

Receipt no. 7304/0603/00603 15/05/18 20:45

010100 Pay parking ticket 10.00 £  
15/05/18 11:23 - 15/05/18 20:45  
Length of stay: 0 Dv, 9 Hr, 22 Min.  
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Total amount 10.00 £

Credit CIS card 10 10.00 £  
VAT 20.00 % 1.67 £

The Mall - Welthamstov  
45 Selborne Walk  
E17 7JR London  
Tel: 0208 5090016

Sale 10.00 GBP





Packaging & concealment





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Spotting & understanding the signs, recording the sequence, monitoring, engaging parents / carers and other agencies is key to a productive intervention.

Children & YP - school



Timetables: patterns-absent-missing 

Heroin & Crack activity

7am  
8.30am  
9am  
12.30pm  
1.30pm  
3.30pm  
6pm

In school  
lunch  
School Gate

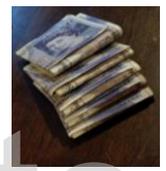
Obsession with going off-site

peak heroin user demand

Crack  
demand

peak heroin user demand

Cannabis demand



Behaviour, attitude, patterns, peer groups...



Pebbs, stones, rocks, bags,  
cling, Z, white, brown,  
light, dark, green, yola,  
yayo, loud, bud...

Bagging up, cooking, shotting, trappin,  
flipping, doing it for P, plugging,  
banking, on tick...

Nitties, cats, shotters,  
roadman, G, OG, YG, fam,  
area, OT, cunch, country,  
riding, bando, trap, grow,  
pagans, opps...



Weight, brick,  
box, bar, key...

Shank, wetter, chetty, kitch,  
ting,  
Skeng, strap, wap, spinner,  
shottie ...

Trap phone, graft  
phone, line...

Supply drugs

Wrap drugs

Re-up / re-load runs

Conceal drugs

Provide cover

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Operate the line

Look out

Maintain dealer records

Collect & deliver cash

Groom and recruit

Recover debts

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Stash drugs & cash

'Girlfriend'

Carry or stash weapons

Enact violence & use weapons

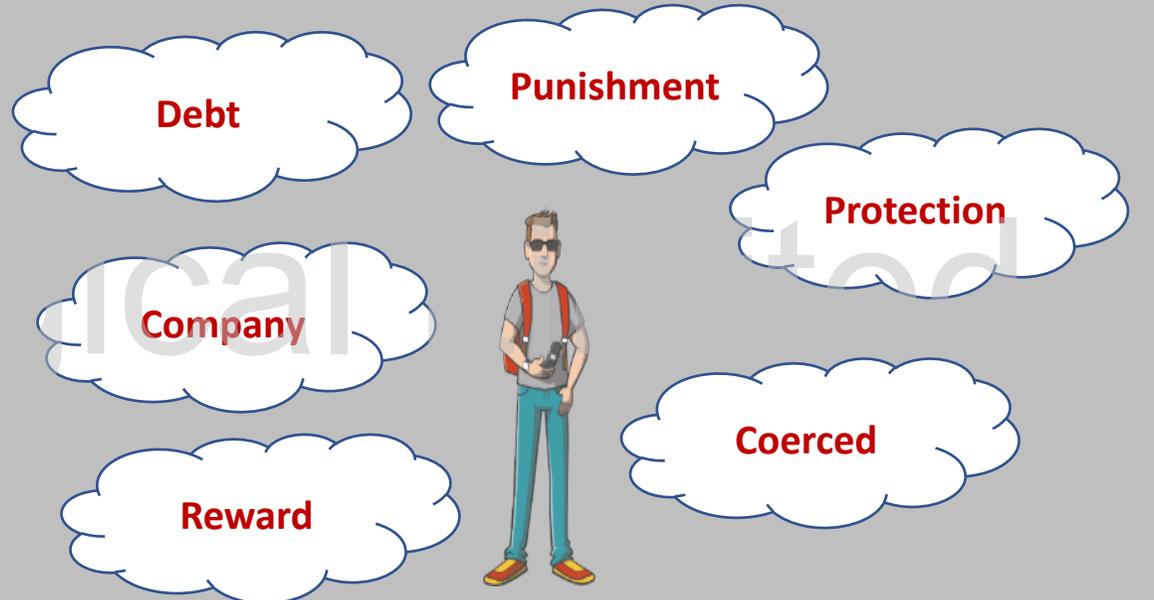
Cuckoo



Functions performed by groomed and recruited children & young adults



# Grooming & Recruiting



Will their school be immediately informed and/or consulted?

Will they likely be excluded from school?

Likelihood of repeat and escalating missing?

Will they be moved within residential care?



RUI ?



- No structure to release
- Message re seriousness
- No real time scale
- No restrictions on activity
- No pressure to investigate
- No safeguarding benefits
- No preventative measures

How will they be dealt with?  
Remand, Bail or RUI?



- Residence
- Associations
- Curfew
- Travel restrictions
- Not to enter...
- Mobile phone possession

Conditions



Bail ?

- Date to anticipate
- Expectation of development
- Protective and preventative Conditions
- Safeguarding impact
- Message re seriousness
- Emphasis to conclude enquiries
- Need to prioritise multi-agency

**Trafficking** ⓘ



**Modern Slavery Act**

- Recruitment
- Transportation
- Transfer
- Harbouring
- Receipt

HT, recruit, facilitate travel, harbour or receive

**Action**

**Purpose**

**Victim**

**Means**

Exploitation

Services by force, threats or deception

**Not for -18**

- Sexual exploitation
- Forced labour
- Domestic servitude
- Slavery & other outcomes

- Threat
- Force
- Coercion
- Abduction
- Deception
- Abuse of vulnerability

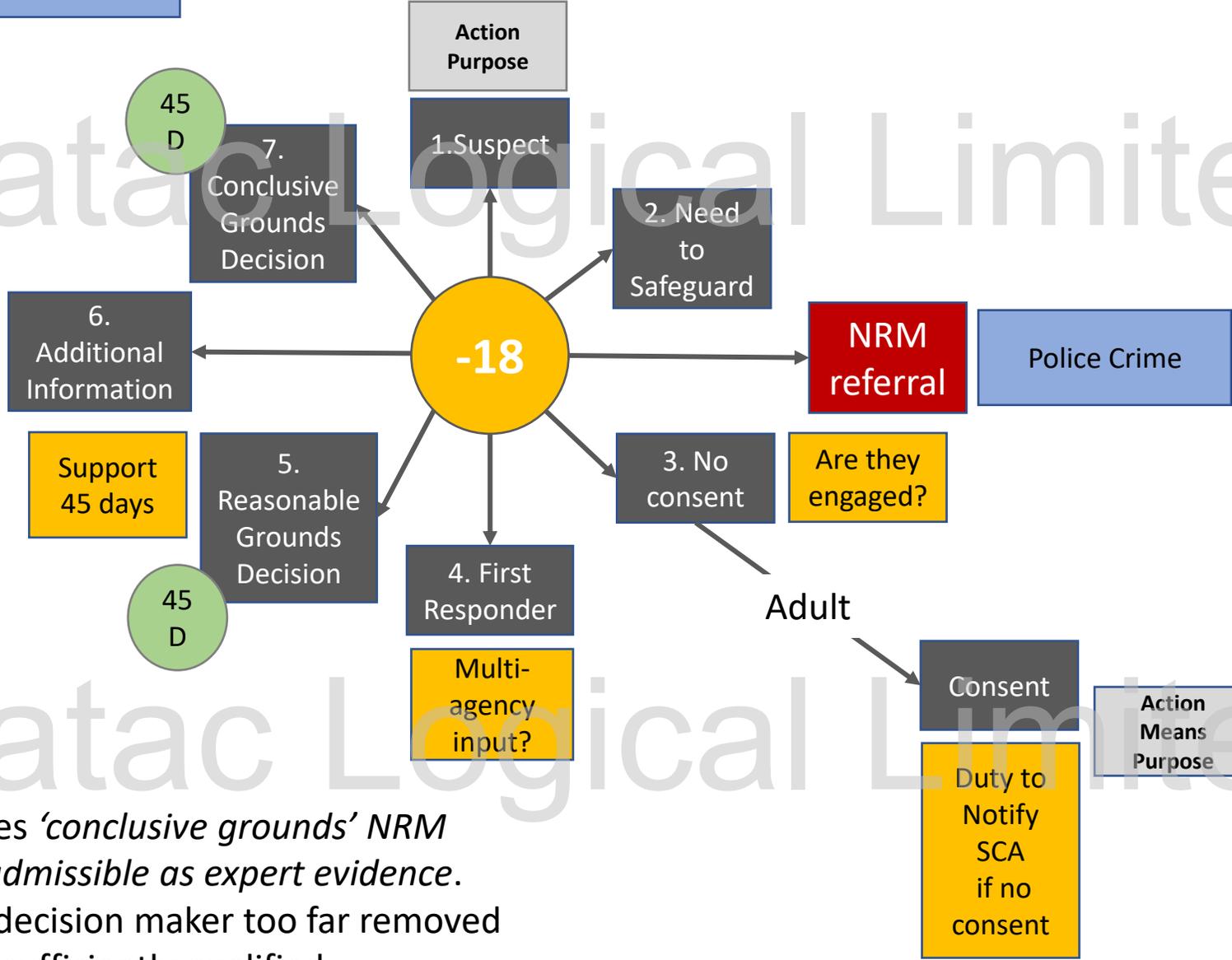
Includes drug supply

Any services by children or VP



20 sites  
 Devolving child decision making programme  
 2023

National Referral Mechanism 



**R v Breani 2021**  
 Court of Appeal rules 'conclusive grounds' NRM decisions are NOT admissible as expert evidence. SCA (Home Office) decision maker too far removed and potentially not sufficiently qualified.

If credible evidence of sect 45 defence becomes apparent during the investigation... discontinue and treat the 'suspect' as a 'victim'. No need for court.

CPS decisions

Section 45 defence

Alternative to charge?

Public interest

Sufficient  
Reliable  
Admissible  
Evidence

Realistic prospect of conviction

Authorise charge

However, greater emphasis for children

*"I was made to do it"*  
*"All children involved in County Lines are victims"*

*"There are alpha victims involved in County Lines"*

*"Evidence of exploitation should cease proceedings"*

Act constitutes offence

At time of Offence 18+

**Compelled**

**Attributed to exploitation**

Direct consequence

'Reasonable person' test

evidence to court

Act constitutes offence

At time of Offence -18

Direct Consequence of exploitation

evidence to court



What does 'direct consequence' mean?



Cult status knives



Weapons



Resourceful protection?



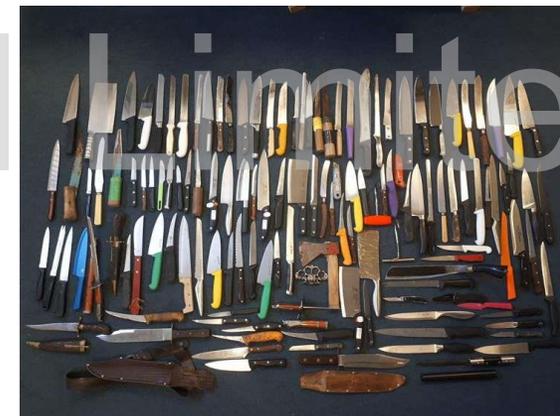
Mimicking,  
acting out  
or real fear?



'Zombie' knives/machetes



Concealed/disguised

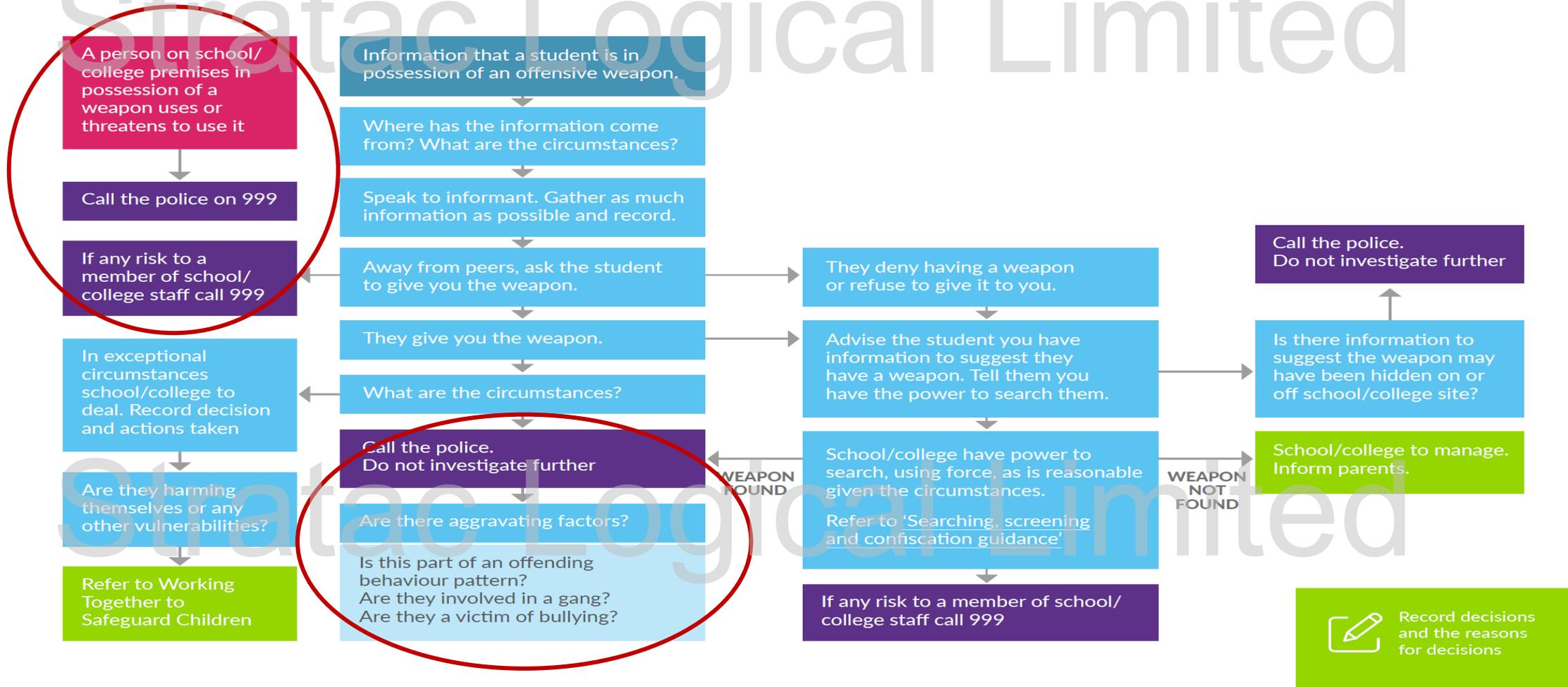


From the  
kitchen

**Not just what but why?  
Protecting themselves or something?**

# WEAPONS

**Definition:** An offensive weapon is any article which is made, intended or adapted to cause injury. It is an offence to possess an offensive weapon or bladed or sharply pointed article on primary school or secondary school premises.



Identify changes in behaviour. When this occurred.  
How it has escalated. What was the catalyst?  
What has become influential?

## Understanding behaviour



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Swift attitude change  
Disinterested  
Disrespectful

Late to arrive  
Keen to leave  
Absent at lunchtimes

Declines sports  
involvement

Confidence & arrogance  
Swing to dejected & quiet

Upbeat and talkative  
Confidence boost

Distracted at specific  
times  
Anxious at times

Secretive around some  
peers

Absent, claiming sickness  
Mondays & some Fridays

Breaks bonds with wider  
peer group  
Maintains close friends

Shifts between low and  
high interest in  
appearance

Persistent mobile phone  
use and rule breaches

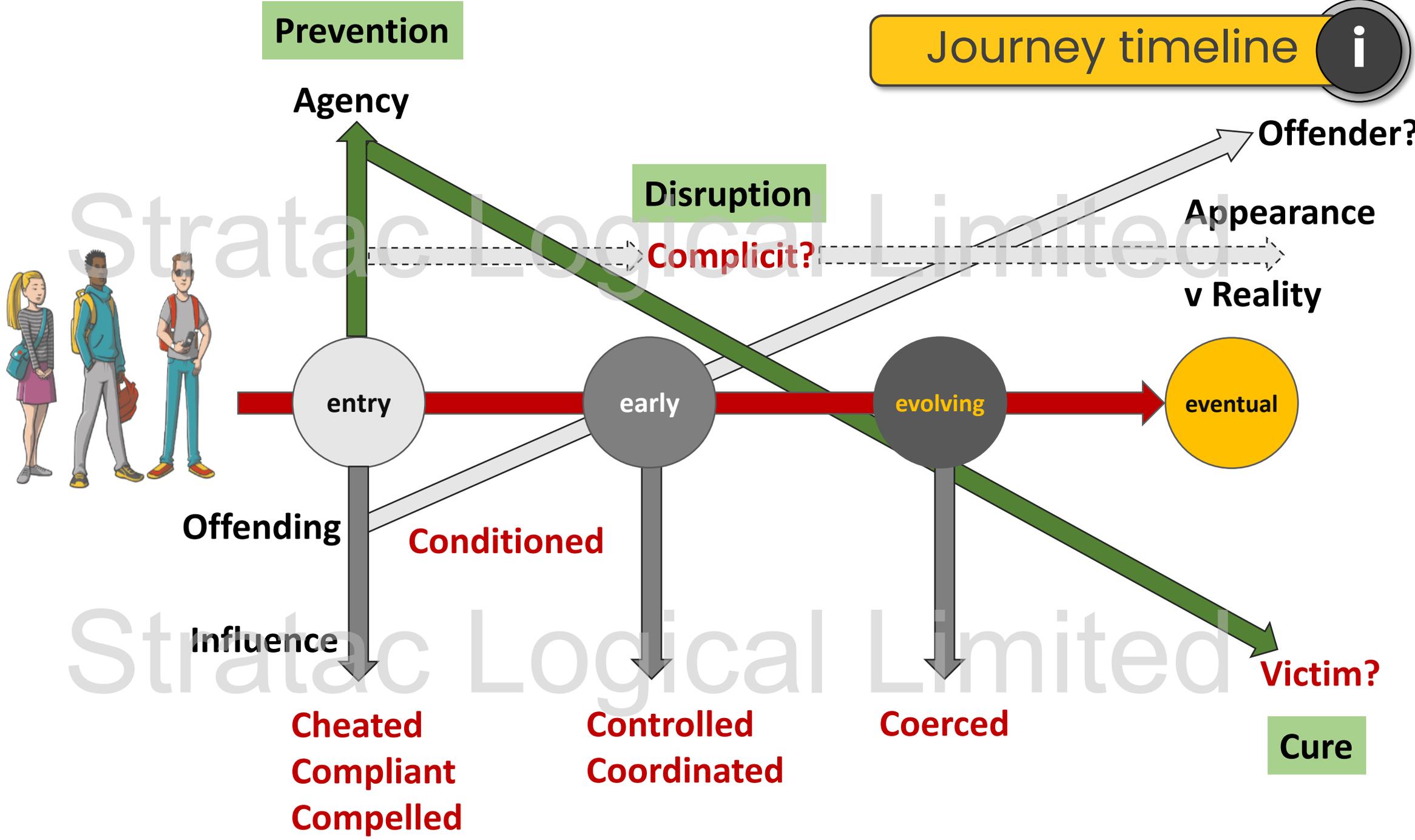
New anger towards staff  
when routines are  
interrupted

Starts using new phrases  
and words linked to gangs

Shows unusual  
aggression towards peers

Spends time with Y9 &  
Y10 students

Found with small knife in  
school bag



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The impact of intervention and 'success', could have adverse consequences for the school, care provider, and the child. Risks need mitigating.

Involve others



Carry Weapons



Debt



Arrested on Saturday, released  
Under investigation.  
What needs to happen next?



Peer group wellbeing



Staff safety



Site security



Possession with intent & supplying crack cocaine + offensive weapon



Violence



Grooming



What does 'vulnerable' mean?

What does 'exploited' look like?



What plays out with your insight?

What plays out with their peer's insight?

Suspecting, knowing & understanding...





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