



County Lines –
what are the
signs?





Sadly, not all our communities are not as safe as we'd like them to be.

Somerset, like other places in the UK, is targeted by County Lines – a subject explored in the recent BBC show *The Outlaws*.



SHAL is not immune from this problem.

We've taken robust action to protect our communities and tackle County Lines.



In the past 4 years, we've evicted 6 tenants who were involved in drug dealing and County Lines.

These homes were spread over a wide area, including Bridgwater and Woolavington, and had a negative impact on their communities.



This action has cost us £116,041 including lost rent, legal costs and getting the property ready for new tenants.

These evictions had to be made and the communities are safer and happier as a result.



What are the signs?





It can be hard sometimes to know if a child is just being a typical teenager, or whether there is something to be concerned about.





The following list of signs gives an indication of what to look out for.

No single item on the list necessarily suggests there is a problem.

You might not observe every single item either.





However, if you are experiencing **two or more** of the items on this list, then you should consider seeking help.



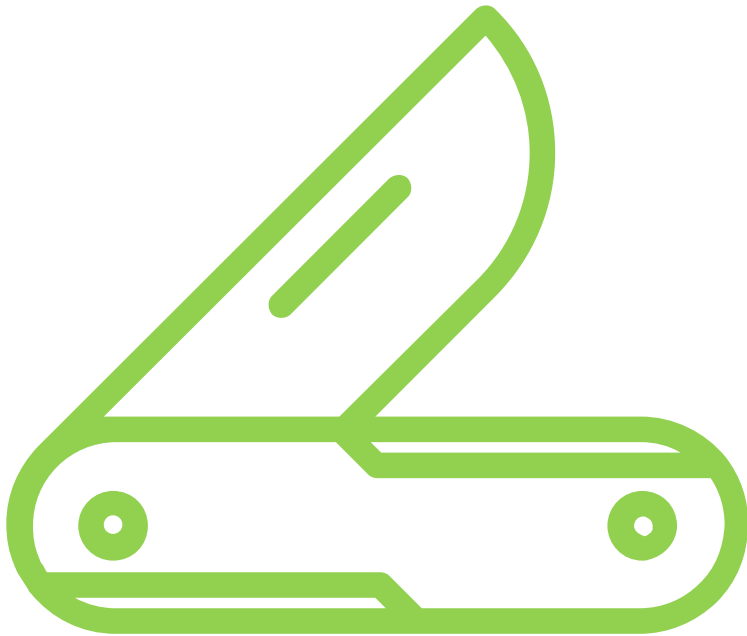
More than one phone or new,
expensive, belongings.





Staying out regularly with “friends” or unexplained absences from school.

Presence of unexplained items
(knife, dongles, cash).





Large amounts of cash or drug paraphernalia (baggies, cling film, scales, baby wipes).

Gang affiliations or sudden change in appearance or use of language.





Regularly going missing without explanation or lots of travel tickets.



Becoming withdrawn or secretive or challenging, manipulative or aggressive behaviour.



Help is available if you're worried about a loved one.

You won't have to deal with this on your own.





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