

Junior/ Primary School

COUNTY LINES



West Midlands
POLICE



Child Criminal Exploitation



often occurs **without the child's immediate recognition**, with the child believing that they are in control of the situation...those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic or other resources.

Violence, coercion and intimidation are common, involvement in exploitative relationships being characterised in the main by the **child or young person's limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and/or emotional vulnerability**

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Where do the young people go?

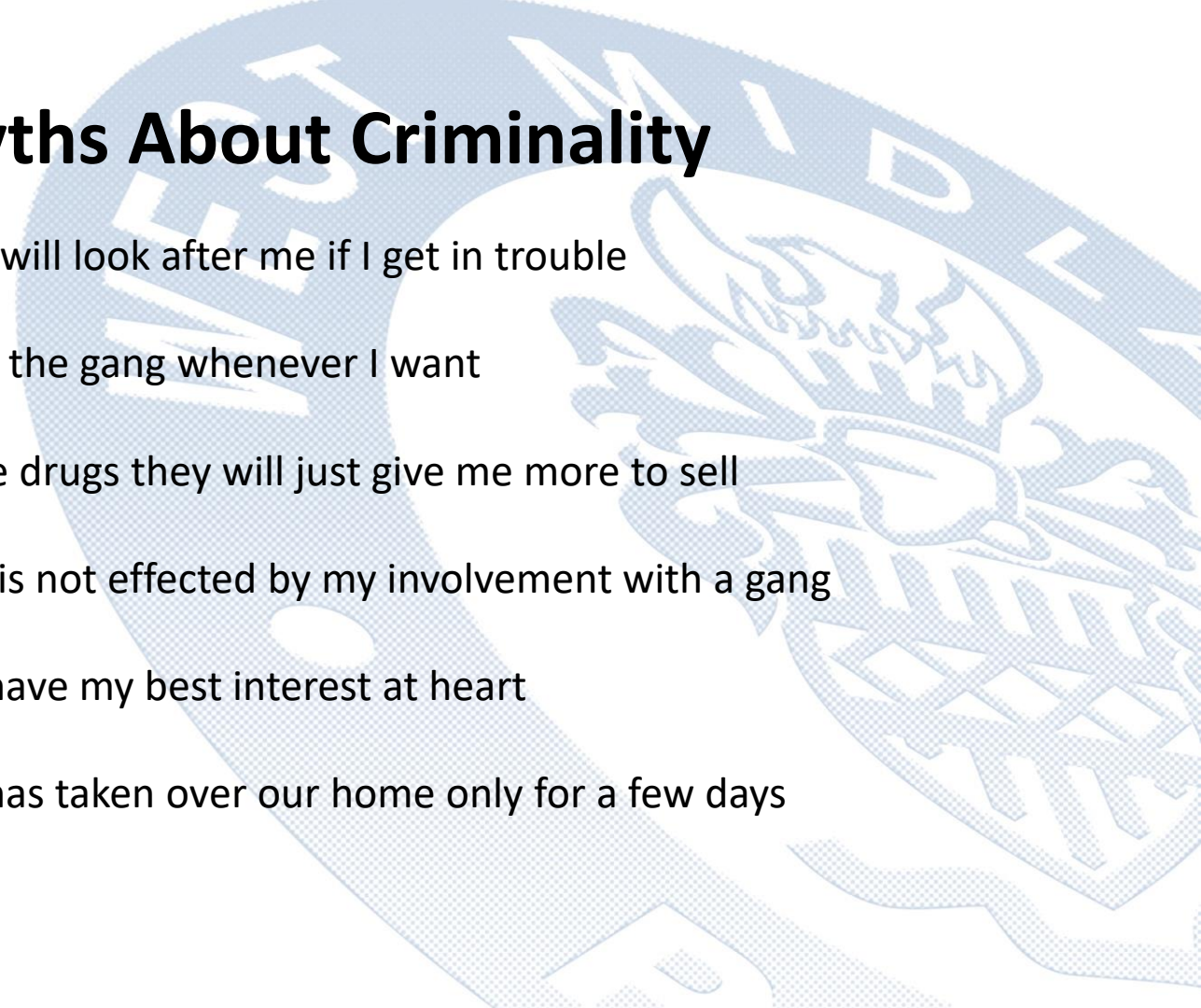
Locations where
West Midlands
gangs are having
an impact on:

- Scotland
- East Midlands
- Eastern Region
- South East
- South West
- South Wales





Myths About Criminality



- The gangs will look after me if I get in trouble
- I can leave the gang whenever I want
- If I lose the drugs they will just give me more to sell
- My family is not effected by my involvement with a gang
- The gang have my best interest at heart
- The gang has taken over our home only for a few days



TRAPPED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLhGpS1f-F0>



Where can I get help ?

Speak to an adult you can trust

Speak to your teacher

Speak to your social worker

Speak to your family worker

Speak to the Police

The sooner we know. The sooner we can help you to escape the misery of involvement in organised gangs



www.childline.org.uk

Tel: 08001111



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

www.nspcc.org.uk

Tel: 08088005000





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