

Children travelling on trains may be being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children to courier drugs and money across the country. A high proportion of these children travel on trains.


Have you seen a child, sometimes as young as 12, travelling long distances alone?



They might seem unfamiliar with the local area, or not have a local accent



They could be travelling during school hours or unusual hours (early in the morning, late at night)




Are they travelling the same route on a regular basis (once or twice a week)?



They could be receiving excessive texts or phone calls



Are they deliberately avoiding authority figures such as police officers or railway staff?



Some may be with older individuals who are purchasing tickets for them or giving them money for tickets.

If you see something that doesn't feel right, or looks suspicious, you should text British Transport Police on 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40 and mention that you have concerns a child may be involved in county lines activity