

Social Media Awareness

Suggested posts

Twitter

Criminals are grooming young & vulnerable people to commit crime. Find out more www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/ #findawayout

Offenders use intimidation to exploit children & vulnerable adults to commit crime on their behalf #findawayout

We want to protect children & vulnerable people who've been groomed to commit crime for gangs www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/ #findawayout

If you're worried someone you know is committing crime on behalf of someone else, call 101 www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/ #findawayout

Are you being made to commit crime on behalf of someone else? You can #findawayout www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/

Are you being forced to deal drugs for someone you know? You can #findawayout www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/

Are you being forced to carry firearms for someone you know? You can #findawayout www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/

Are you committing crime for someone you know? Are you scared to speak out? #findawayout www.itsnotokay.co.uk/trapped/

Facebook

Police, local authorities, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, young people and an MP have launched a campaign to stop criminal gangs from grooming children and vulnerable adults to commit crime.

The campaign, known as 'Trapped', aims to raise awareness of criminals who are grooming and exploiting children and young adults to commit crime on their behalf.

Offenders take victims from urban areas to the countryside or coastal areas to sell drugs. Sometimes victims are trafficked closer to home, and are moved around Greater Manchester.

As well as drug dealing, victims are sometimes asked to carry out other forms of criminal activity such as arson, violent offences, storing firearms, holding money, criminal damage or assault.

Offenders use coercive behaviour to threaten and exploit victims and their families.

Some signs that a young or vulnerable person could be 'Trapped' and need help are:

- Young people going missing and travelling to seaside or market towns
- School absence or missing from school
- Money, clothes or accessories which they are unable to account for
- Receiving an excessive amount of texts and phone calls
- Relationships with controlling / older individuals or groups
- Carrying weapons
- Significant decline in school results / performance
- Self-harm or significant changes in emotional wellbeing

Anyone with concerns either about themselves or somebody else should contact Greater Manchester Police on 101 in a non-emergency situation or report anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Always dial 999 when there is an immediate threat to life or a crime in progress.