

## Appendix 2



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What is an OCG ?

Organised crime can be described as serious crime planned, coordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis. Their motivation is often, but not always financial gain

Organised criminals working together for a particular criminal activity or activities are called an organised crime group



# What types of crime?



Burglary



Vehicle crime



Robbery



Violence



Identity theft



Prostitution



Sheep Rustling



Kidnapping



Fraud / Computer Fraud



Theft



Drug dealing



Counterfeit goods



Environmental Crime



Shoplifting



Loan Sharks



Plant theft



# Impact of organised crime

Economic – cost to UK annually - £37 billion

National Security

Intimidation

Exploitation of the Vulnerable

Community Cohesion

Victims

Corruption

# 'County Lines'



- 'County lines' are where urban based OCG's supply illegal drugs in a smaller town or rural area
- It usually involves exploiting children or vulnerable adults to supply local users
- The supply is controlled by setting up a phone line for transactions allowing the controllers to make a profit without having any 'hands on' involvement.

<p>Mainly Class A ( especially heroin and crack cocaine) supply. May result in sudden increase in drug use in location</p>	<p>Local dealer likely to be controlled through violence intimidation or debt and may well be an addict themselves, often operating from their home</p>
<p><b>SIGNS TO WATCH OUT FOR</b></p>	
<p>Arrangement will involve transfer of cash and drugs between urban area and more remote 'quieter' locations</p>	<p>Could be linked to CSE, for example by exploiting children in care.</p>

**QUESTION**

