

# St Giles

## SOS+ Programme



*The PEACE (Protecting & Empowering, Against Child Exploitation) Project aims to address issues of both Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation across the borough by utilising a mixture of assertive outreach work, systemic family therapeutic intervention and a Contextual Safeguarding approach to safeguard young people from exploitation outside of the family home.*

St Giles aims to break the cycle of prison, crime and disadvantage to create safer communities by supporting people to change their lives.

We use expertise and lived experiences to empower people who are not getting the help they need, who are hard to engage because they have been repeatedly failed – held back by poverty, exploited, abused, dealing with mental health problems, caught up in crime or a combination of these issues.

We train 'Peer Advisors' to become qualified in Level 3 Information, Advice and Guidance. They use this qualification and their lived experience to inspire and support people facing similar situations. Being helped by someone who has 'been there' is powerful and underpins all our projects.

### SOS+ SERVICE

St Giles' SOS+ Service delivers early intervention work in educational and community settings, through preventative sessions on violence, vulnerability and exploitation. Our award-winning approach uses trained professionals with lived experience of the criminal justice system to de-glamorise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence.

SOS+ delivers educational sessions that tackle the issues of county lines drug smuggling, gangs, and knife crime to young people who are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation, alongside providing training and awareness sessions on these topics to parents, teachers and other professionals.

### SOS+ PROJECT AIMS

- Prevent young people becoming involved in serious youth violence and criminal activity by demystifying gang culture and educating them about the harsh realities of knife crime and prison life;
- Impart real tools that young people can utilise to make better informed decisions and to avoid negative lifestyle choices;
- Endorse the benefits of education;
- Equip parents and professionals with the knowledge, understanding and tools to help safeguard their young people.

Please click a date below to register for the webinar

## Professionals' Webinar with a Q&A

Tuesday 5th October 2021

10:00am - 12:00pm

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Turning a past into a future

## SOS+ GANGS AND COUNTY LINES PROFESSIONALS' SESSION

SOS+ Service and PEACE are hosting this 90 minute Webinar for Professionals on County Lines.

### Professionals' sessions:

Our Gangs & County Lines Professionals' Session consists of speakers utilising their lived experience within the criminal justice system to un-pack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines drug smuggling, gang involvement, criminal exploitation and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue. The training has been delivered to a range of professionals working with at-risk young people across England and Wales.

### SOS+ professionals' session aims:

All participants will leave the session able to:

- Ⓞ Define the term county lines
- Ⓞ Outline the operational procedures involved in setting up a county line
- Ⓞ Explain the methods used to groom, recruit and exploit young people
- Ⓞ Have an awareness of the push and pull factors that contribute to a young person becoming vulnerable and susceptible to county lines involvement
- Ⓞ Recognise key signs and indicators that young people are being exploited or at risk of county lines involvement
- Ⓞ Describe the relationship between county lines and other forms of criminal activity and exploitation (i.e. serious violence, human trafficking, debt bondage, modern slavery and child sexual exploitation)
- Ⓞ Explain the risks and consequences of county lines involvement
- Ⓞ Understand the perspective of either a survivor or perpetrator after hearing from an expert witness, including a brief overview of how girls are used
- Ⓞ Develop initial long-term and solution-based approaches to prevent and reduce the risks associated with each stage of the County Lines process, inc. realistic exit strategies.

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