

Important training dates

Breaking County Lines

County Lines is a term for where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs. The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs.

School Adviser Debbie Heritage says:

As you may be aware, there is a considerable drug and modern slavery issue linked to County Lines gangs across both Dorset and Wiltshire. We believe there are at least 30 gangs working across each county which means many of our young people are being exploited, put in very dangerous situations and their lives are being put at risk as a result. We all need to do something about this and one way is to raise awareness not only amongst the educational sector but also in our parishes as well.

As such, the Board of Education is working with The Clewer Institute to provide free County Lines training for all clergy, school leaders, teachers and youth workers across the Diocese. There are 2 planned sessions (you need to attend both please):

13th May, 3.45pm – 5.45pm

20th May, 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Please see [this link](#) for details and sign up.

There are limited places so please do sign up as soon as possible. We will only start to make a difference for our children and young people if we are all properly informed and can therefore have the right conversations with our young people.

If you require any further information or if you are unable to attend these sessions but would like to attend in the future, please do contact me.

Please attend and help safeguard all our children and young people. Thank you.

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