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Dear parent/carer

### **County Lines and Child Exploitation – free webinar**

We are writing to invite all parents/carers to take part in a free webinar hosted by Barnados. The webinar takes place on 23 November 2021 and will be discussing County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation and is being delivered in conjunction with an organisation called [PACE](#).

We believe this webinar could be of real interest to many parents/carers across Essex.

The below information and attached flyer provides an outline and aims of the course:

#### **Session Aims**

The aim of these sessions is to provide an opportunity for parents to understand the signs of exploitation and increase their confidence and knowledge to respond safely and effectively.

The objectives :

- Understand what child exploitation is
- Understand what county lines are
- Understand the signs of child exploitation
- Learn how children are groomed online
- Understand the behaviours of exploited
- Learn how to approach a potentially exploited child
- Learn where to get support and further information

#### **Audience**

The target audience will be those parents that have little or no understanding of what exploitation looks like and will be accessible to all parents, whether or not their child has been involved with any agency or law enforcement.

#### **Session Content**

Each pilot area will run 2 sessions to the same audience and build on the 1<sup>st</sup> session.

Session 1 will cover :

1. What is the webinar about?
2. What is CCE?
3. What is it like in Essex
4. County Lines
5. How does it happen?
6. What would I see?

7. What might happen to my child?
8. Why won't they tell me?
9. What can I do?
10. What can I expect from others?

To access the course, please click the below link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-lines-in-essex-free-parent-webinar-tickets-205152094437>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Reilly', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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