

Local Policing Unit

Residents of Wistaston / Willaston

Crewe Local Policing Unit
Crewe Police Station, Civic Centre
Crewe
CW1 2DQ.

Dear residents,

We are promoting awareness to children and young people in the area of Wistaston / Willaston in regards to the dangers of drugs. Criminals exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

OCGs (Organised Crime Gangs) often use high levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control them. One of these forms of control exploits vulnerable people by using their home as a base for dealing drugs, a process known as cuckooing.

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines:

- repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas
- having money, new clothes or electronic devices and they can't explain how they paid for them
- getting high numbers of texts or phone calls, being secretive about who they're speaking to
- decline in school or work performance
- significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

We want to work with residents positively to take action if there is any drug intelligence in the area. If you know of any information which may aid us, can you please contact PCSO Sophie Jebb Bowman on Sophie.jebb@cheshire.pnn.police.uk and / or PC Tim Clark on tim.clark@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively you can contact 101 or crime stoppers anonymously on [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111)

Kind regards,

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Covering Willaston and Wistaston

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