

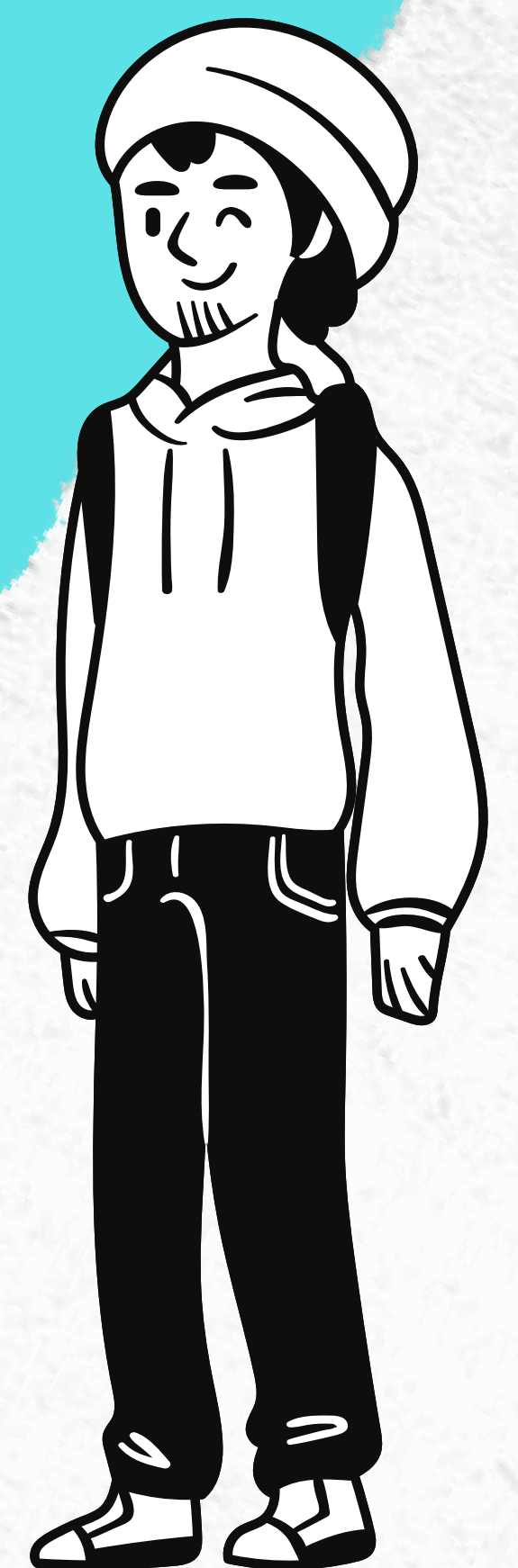
WHAT IS EXPLOITATION

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Exploitation is when somebody grooms, coerces or forces you to do something that you don't want to do for their own gain

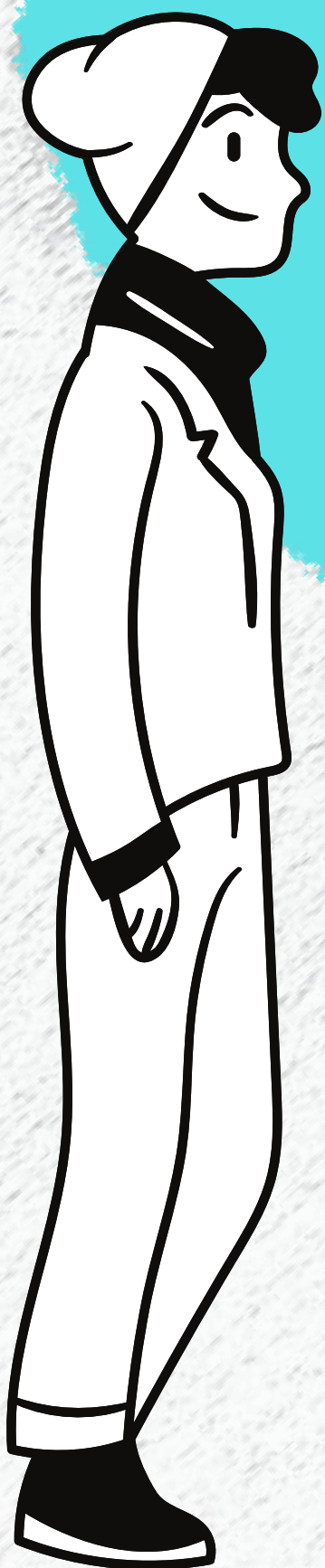
It can take different forms such as human trafficking, modern slavery & sexual exploitation. Here we focus on

CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION



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Criminal exploitation is a form of abuse where young people are manipulated or forced into committing crimes for individuals or gangs



You may be forced to carry, run or sell drugs. You've probably heard this called '**COUNTY LINES**' - but people in your own community can exploit you criminally too

COUNTY LINES

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COUNTY LINES is where a gang or organised group look to move their drug dealing operations outside their normal area - usually from big cities to smaller towns

They do this to make it harder for police to find out what they're doing, find new customers to make more money - or avoid competition from rival gangs

The term 'county lines' comes from the mobile phone line they will use to carry this out. If someone is exploiting you they may give you a county line phone in order for you to 'work' for them



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IT'S ABUSE

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Whether you're being forced to travel to another area or being made to sell where you live this isn't a real job - it's abuse & a crime is being committed against you

Young people get used to store or move drugs, weapons & money. You may get threatened with violence to make sure you do as you're told - or sent or taken to places you don't want to go

Criminal exploitation has become increasingly popular in recent years with kids as young as 10 being forced to run drugs



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GOING COUNTRY - county lines activity - travelling to another city/town to deliver drugs or money - also called **GOING LONG**



CUNCH - out of town places where drugs can be sold 'GOING CUNCH'

ENDS - your home area

OLDERS/MAN - the source of supply or drug dealer higher up the chain

HUSTLE/HUSTLING - selling drugs or dealing in stolen goods to make money

RUNNER - someone who moves drugs





TRAP LINE - mobile phone specifically for the purpose of running and selling drugs. This is where 'County Lines' gets its name from. Also known as a **BURNER** phone

TRAPPING selling drugs or moving them from one town to another

TRAP
The area where drug deals are carried out

TRAP HOUSE - base where drugs are sold, used or manufactured. You might be forced to stay here - the houses are usually occupied by someone & may be cuckooed. Also known as a **BANDO** [abandoned property]



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Drug gangs take over a home through violence or intimidation - using it as a base for selling/manufacturing drugs

Although the people resident at the property are adults they are being exploited too - gangs target vulnerable people

The vulnerable person may be promised free drugs in exchange for their house. Females that are in abusive relationships with gang members are often exploited in this way - they may also be sexually or physically abused

SIGNS OF A TRAP HOUSE

- People coming & going with lots of cars/bikes outside
- The house might be dirty & not looked after - even dangerous - with litter around & signs of drug use - there might even be people using drugs in the property
- The person who lives there may be using drugs themselves, be elderly or have mental health issues. They might seem worried, frightened or distracted

TRANSPORT

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If you're being exploited by a county line gang you may be forced to travel away from your hometown to sell or distribute drugs

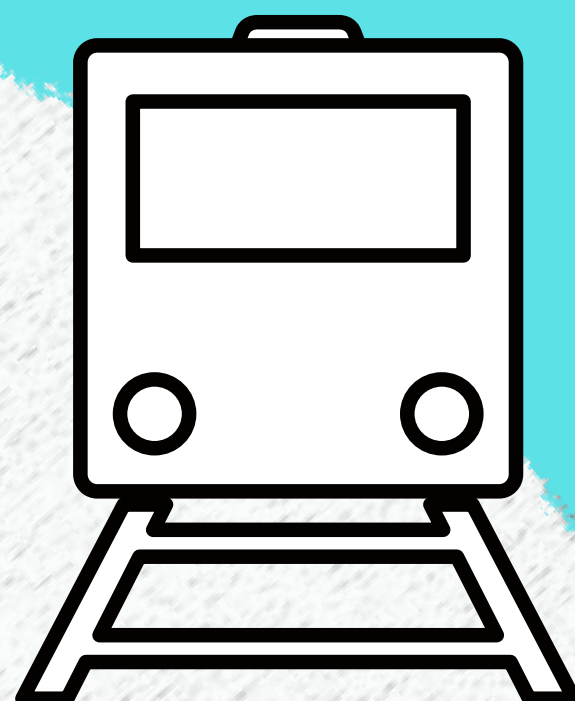
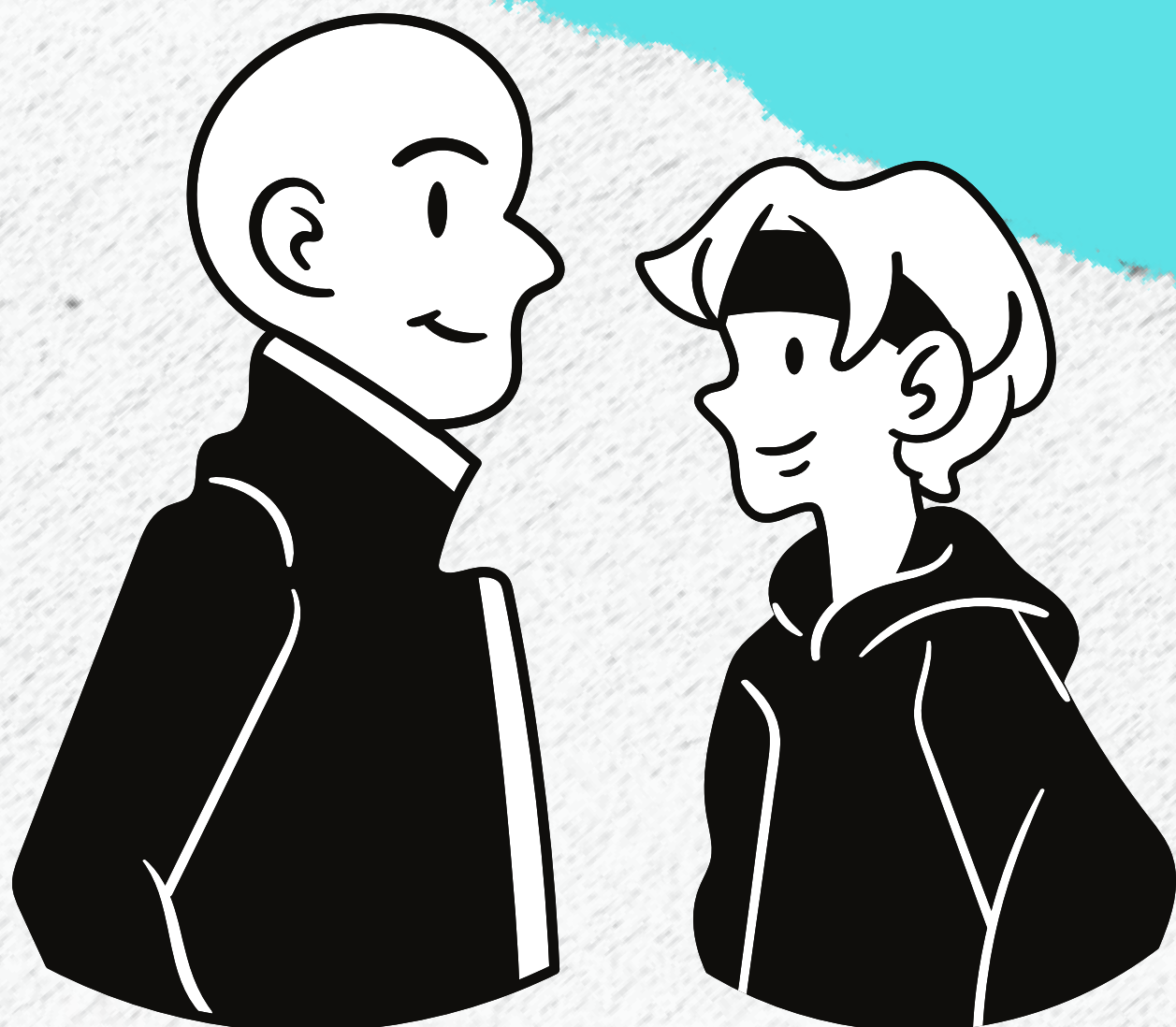
You may have to go alone or with another young person as 'back up' & spend a few weeks away from home in a trap house which might be scary

They'll buy you a train ticket & give you instructions on where to go & what to do - less often coaches or cars are used

It's dangerous getting in a car when the driver is under the influence of drugs or alcohol - they might hide you in the boot so nobody sees you



The people exploiting you might give you a bike to help you move around the local area to distribute the drugs



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MOVING DRUGS

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Moving drugs you're being exploited to sell around can be a risky & unpleasant business

You'll be given a burner phone & you'll need to answer at any time of the day & meet people to carry out the deal

The calls can be non-stop & leave you feeling overwhelmed. You won't have time to do all the normal things your mates are doing to enjoy themselves & you might have to lie to your family or sneak out in the night

With it being against the law to be in possession of drugs exploiters may force you to carry them in ways that could hurt you or cause you harm

BAGGING - packaging drugs for distribution

PLUGGING - hiding drugs in your bum or vagina. Can also be called stuffing or bottling. This can be very dangerous if the package bursts inside you



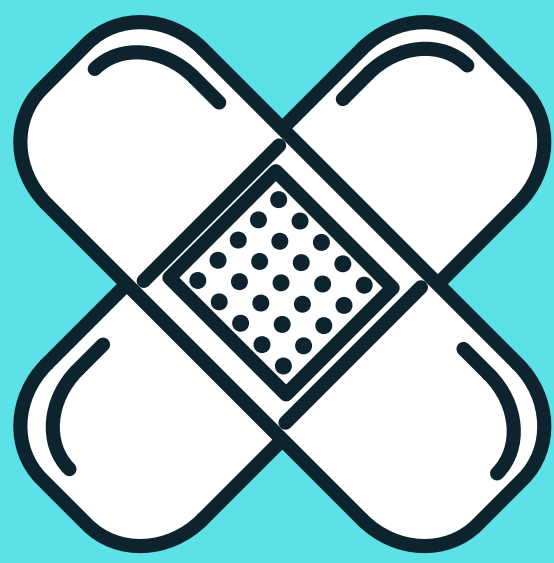
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DEBT BONDAGE

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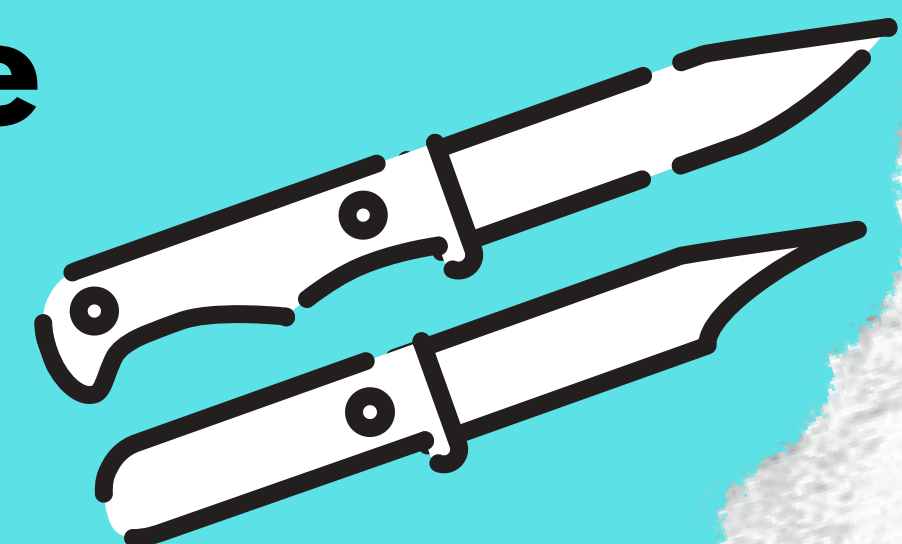
This is where you are forced to work to pay off a debt

The weed you were given for free when the person exploiting you was grooming you might now need to be paid back



Maybe you lost or used some of the substances you were supposed to be selling

You might be searched by the police & have drugs confiscated - leaving you with the worry of how you are going to pay your exploiter back



Those exploiting you may even set you up to get mugged of the drugs & money you are carrying - just to force you into debt so you feel you have no choice but to 'work' for them

However it happens debt is used to control you - debt bondage is a form of slavery

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