



Helping Youth & Community from Start to Finish

Local and County Lines Statement

This statement is in line with the Safeguarding, Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. Any concerns or referrals will be completed in line with the policy procedures.

OnTrak actively participates with West Yorkshire Police to provide Early Intervention and Diversionary workshops around Local and County Lines workshops alongside domestic abuse, gun and knife crime, gangs, drugs awareness, hate crime, anti-social behaviour, motorbikes and dangers of speeding and any other relevant targeted training for students and workshop participants. OnTrak also works closely with school and referral organisations to ensure all students, staff, and volunteers are fully aware of the issues around county and local lines.

Staff should make themselves aware of issues surrounding **County and Local Lines**. Some signs to look out for include:

- An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat.
- New faces appearing at the house or flat.
- New and regularly changing residents (e.g. different accents compared to local accent).
- Change in resident's mood and/or demeanor (e.g. secretive/ withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional).
- Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia.
- Changes in the way young people you might know dress.
- Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (e.g. clothes, jewellery, cars etc).
- Residents or young people you know going missing, potentially for long periods of time.
- Young people seen in different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults.
- Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are.
- Truancy, exclusion, and disengagement from charity.
- An increase in anti-social behaviour in the community.
- Unexplained injuries.

All staff should be aware of the associated risks and understand the measures in place to manage these.