

# MISSING



## A Guide For Parents, Carers and Community Organisations

### POSSIBLE REASONS

- Some fall out with their parents/carers
- Some have pressure from friends or gangs
- Some are groomed for exploitation and People Trafficking
- Some are recruited for drug running, aka 'County Lines'

### POSSIBLE SIGNS OF CONCERN

- Reported missing overnight or for more than 24 hours
- Excessive texts and calls
- Unexplained travel
- Missing school
- Distancing from friends and family
- Bruising, harm and poor emotional state
- Cash, unexplained clothing and phones
- Relationship with a controlling older person

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

- **Message them** when they are missing
- **Contact:**
  - **Metropolitan Police 101** (non-emergency) and quote 'Makesafe' or **999** (emergency)
  - **MASH** (Croydon's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) 020 8726 6400
  - **Any professional already involved** e.g. social worker and school
  - **Crimestoppers** (anonymous) 0800 555 111

