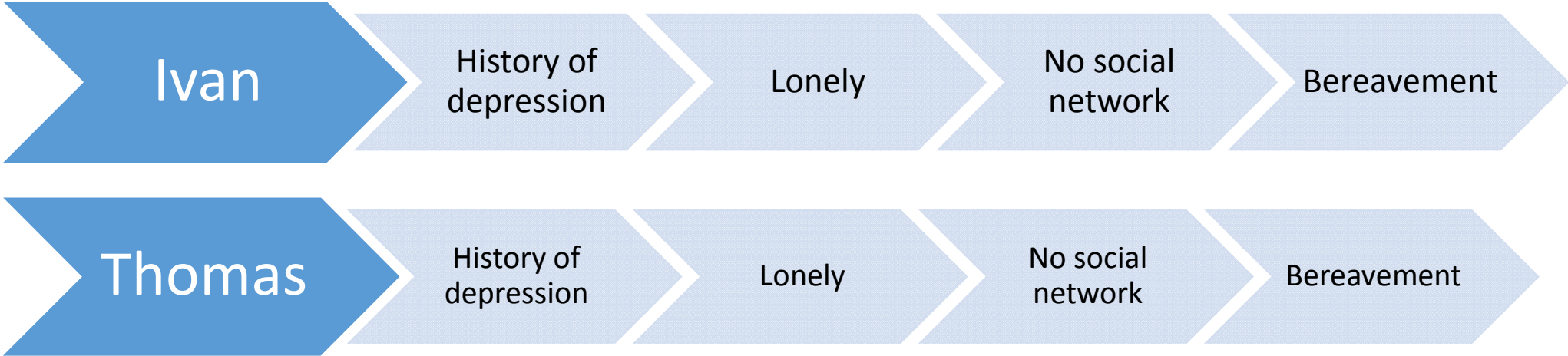


Safeguarding and vulnerability: Prevent and Child Criminal Exploitation

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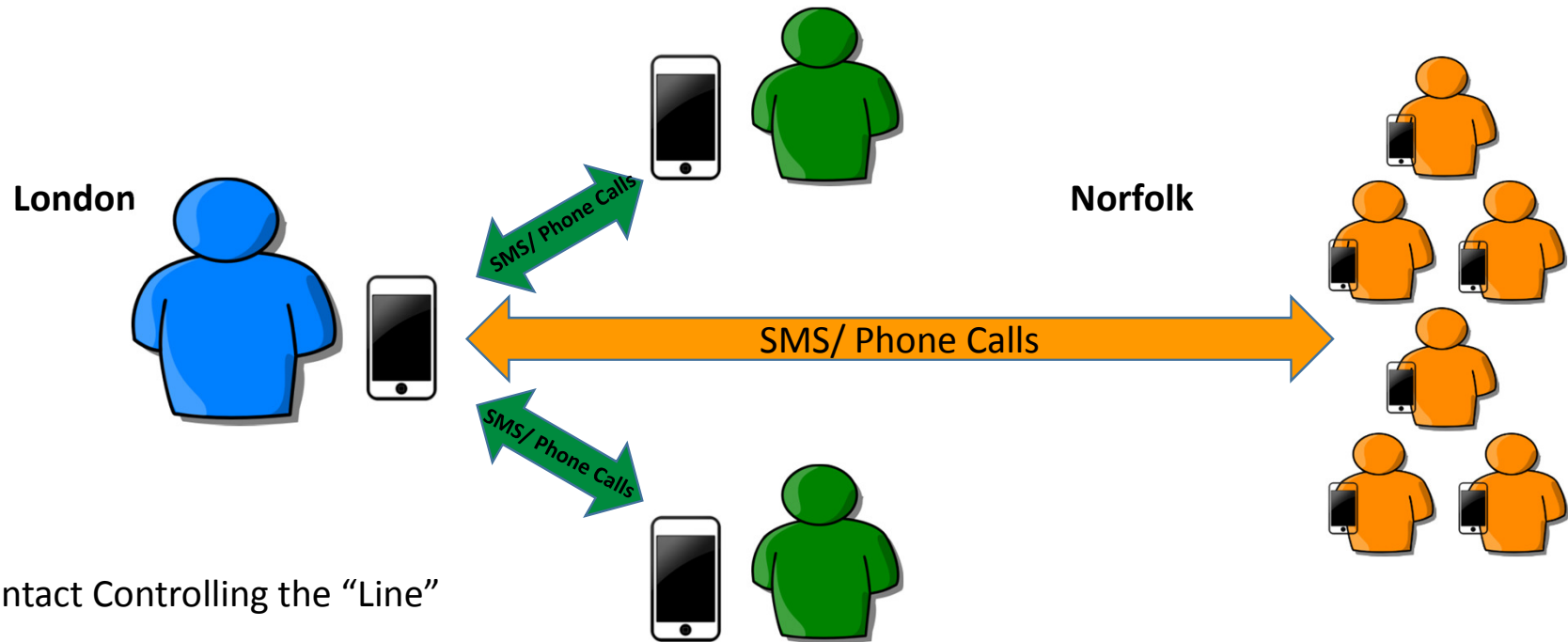




Prevent in Norfolk

- Prevent duty
- [www.norfolk.gov.uk/preventing radicalisation](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/preventing-radicalisation)
- Prevent is safeguarding
- Channel Panel
- Community engagement

Typical County Line Model



Main Contact Controlling the "Line"



"Runners" working for the Line



Local Class A Drug User - Customer

CCE

Child Criminal Exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into any criminal activity

- in exchange for something the victim needs or wants and/or*
- for the financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or*
- through violence or the threat of violence.*

The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. Child Criminal Exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

In Norfolk we know that CCE incorporates the criminalisation of children and young people through offences linked to drugs, violence and sex, sometimes using firearms, knives and other weapons. Most children and young people do not recognise that they are being exploited.

Often the visible symptoms of this abuse are responded to, meaning that many young people receive just a criminal justice response and their safeguarding needs can be overlooked as a result.

CCE is often not fully understood by agencies which can impact on the response / service the young person receives. Language linked to young people making a choice in their own exploitation is a factor that must be challenged.

Trafficking, modern slavery and criminal exploitation are forms of abuse and therefore should be afforded a safeguarding response.

Young people we are working with

- 14 year old boy - stopped and searched on the street by 'men' for 'plugging' (carrying drugs inside him)
- 15 year old boy - pulled out of his house, forced to his knees on the pavement, a gun put to his head
- Numerous stabbings unreported, 13 year old helped friend sew up the stab wound
- 17 year old boy - has been stabbed on more than one occasion
- Boys and girls age 12 – 17 – taken overdose and self harmed as they feel no way out
- Multiple boys age 14 plus - using sex as control and punishment with girls and boys
- 14 year old girls paid to assault other girls
- Boys and girls taken around the county to hotels – given 'Xanax and valleys' so they cannot / do not have to remember what happens!
- Girls being threatened to smuggle drugs and phones into prisons inside their body

National Overview

- Absence of large amounts of cash.
- Young people's bank accounts being used.
- Airbnb use increasing.
- Public transport still the major use for trafficking drugs/young people
- Nationally it appears that drug demand has not out stripped supply.

Multi-Agency Child Exploitation Process

