



# Drugs Harm in Hastings

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# Keeping Sussex Safe



- County Lines v OCG Jarrow
  - Commodity supplied
  - Exploitation of Young People
  - Origin of business
  - Business Model used
  - Use of Drug Lines
  - Safe Houses v Cuckooing
  - Parallel businesses

- Established Organised Crime Group operating in Hastings.
- Sophisticated and organised. Involved in the importation and supply of cocaine and cannabis into the UK.
- Involved in both the wholesale supply of drugs to other OCGs, as well as street supply within Hastings and the surrounding area.

- One of the principal members is currently serving a life sentence for conspiracy to murder
- This member was in debt to another OCG for 2 Million pounds.
- The debt was paid off by a third person, who now owns 50% of the business.
- This third person is based outside of the UK

- The OCG has a footprint across East Sussex and uses ports/airports nationally to import and distribute drugs.
- On a local level, vulnerable youths are being used; debt bonded to deal and supply for the group.

- They exhibit a significant high level of violence to control, coerce and enforce the market share. This is through actual physical violence and the reputation the group hold.
- During 2018 there were serious violent incidents, including a murder (outside of the UK), aggravated burglaries, kidnap, threats to kill and threats to commit arson

- District level operation led by the Hastings & Rother Prevention Team.
- Entirely overt operation aimed at identifying and disrupting the street level and middle tier suppliers involved in the supply of illegal drugs on our streets.
- Uses a range of powers such as Child Abduction Warning Notice and CBOs to protect vulnerable people, including children, from being criminally exploited.

- Works with partners to build community intelligence on individuals and undertake joint civil enforcement in addition to the usual criminal options open to the police
- Community awareness raising as to the journey undertaken to supply them with drugs associated with the night time economy, such as Cocaine

- How can you help?
- What intelligence gaps can you fill and how?
- What educational gaps can you fill and how?
- Are we working together as effectively as possible to protect vulnerable people?
- How can we reduce the demand for drugs in the town?