

GANGS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is vulnerable to county lines exploitation?

Anyone – male and female, any age, from any background can be exploited.

Will you go to prison if you are caught carrying a knife?

Aged 18 and over, possession of a knife would be sentenced to a minimum 6 months' custodial sentence and a maximum 4 years. Aged 16 and 17, the minimum sentence is a detention and training order of at least six months.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47507456>

There is a safe place to stab someone. True or false?

False – there is no safe place to stab someone.

How many people do you think actually go to prison for carrying a knife?

Courts in 2018 in England and Wales dealt with 21,101 knife crime cases in 2018.

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The police can stop and search anyone they think is carrying a weapon. True or false?

True.

What do you think the minimum life sentence for murder is?

25 years.

Can you go to prison for murder/attempted murder if you just witnessed the attack?

Yes – even if it is not you that commits the offence but it happened in your presence, you can face the same sentence under 'joint enterprise'

Knife crime only affects those who are involved in gangs or county lines. True or false?

False - knife crime can affect anyone.

Can you report a crime anonymously?

Yes – you can report a crime anonymously through Crimestoppers

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>