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## Here to help you

### Who are the Prevent & Protect (P&P) Team?

The Essex Police Prevent & Protect team work in support of the Serious Organised Crime Strategy. We seek to deliver best practice in building the highest levels of defence and resilience in our community.

#### Prevent

This is about stopping the problem at source, by identifying and supporting those at risk of engaging in criminality. We will develop and use preventative methods and education to divert more people from a life of serious and organised crime and reduce reoffending.

#### Protect

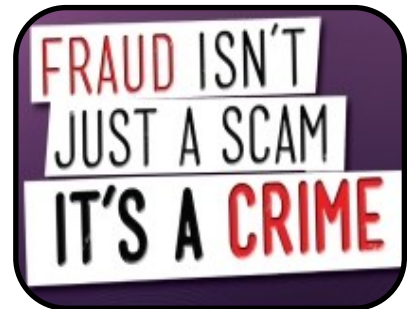
This is about building the highest levels of defence and resilience in vulnerable people, communities, businesses, property and systems. By reducing these vulnerabilities, we provide criminals with fewer opportunities to target and exploit. We also aim to ensure our communities better recognise the techniques of criminals and take steps to target harden and protect themselves.

### The Protect & Prevent Team cover 5 work streams

- Cybercrime
- Fraud
- Organised Crime Groups (OCGs)
- Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking (MSHT)
- Gangs & County Lines

### What can P&P do for you?

- Provide free upskilling presentations in person or on-line
- Provide advice re Prevent & Protect tactics
- Provide assistance re emerging crime trends
- Assist with any local, regional or national campaigns
- Act as a link to other regional and national organisations, i.e. Trading Standards & Environmental Agency.



If you have any information about possible organised crime, victims of such crime or vulnerable people subject of exploitation, please inform Essex Police or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111

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## Who else can offer help and guidance?

All of the below organisations can offer specialist support, advice and guidance with regards to all types of serious organised crime, which can be obtained either from their websites, their social media feeds or by contacting them direct.



The National Crime Agency leads the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime, protecting the public by targeting and pursuing those criminals who pose the greatest risk to the UK.

NCA officers work at the forefront of law enforcement, building the best possible intelligence picture of all serious and organised crime threats; relentlessly pursuing the most serious and dangerous offenders; and developing and delivering specialist capabilities on behalf of law enforcement and other partners.

The aim of our ROCU is primarily to identify and disrupt organised criminals operating across the eastern region.

They are one of 10 ROCUs operating across England and Wales providing specialist capability to tackle the increasingly complex threat posed by organised crime.

Officers and staff in the unit tackle a range of crime – from child sexual exploitation and modern slavery to county drugs lines and cybercrime.

The unit also has an economic crime team which tackles offences such as fraud and money laundering, as well as using the latest Proceeds of Crime Act legislation to ensure crime never pays.



Regional Organised Crime Unit

## CrimeStoppers.

# 0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

CrimeStoppers are an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime – 100% anonymously.

They believe that everyone has the right to feel safe from crime. Whoever you are, wherever you live, from communities to companies.

You can contact them by phone on **0800 555 111** and online, **24/7, 365** days a year.

They also share advice on how to protect the people you care about from crime so everyone can feel safe.



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## **STOP LOAN SHARKS** Intervention . Support . Education

The Illegal Money Lending Team investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders while supporting those who have borrowed money from a loan shark.

The Stop Loan Sharks team have developed a range of free education resources, free partner tools, and will also deliver free in-house training for partner agencies and the police.

Unseen is a UK charity with its head office in Bristol. They provide safehouses and support in the community for survivors of trafficking and modern slavery. They also run the UK Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline and work with individuals, communities, business, governments, other charities and statutory agencies to stamp out slavery for good.



## Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority

The GLAAs role is to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. Through the intelligence they receive from our inspections, the public, industry and other government departments, they investigate reports of worker exploitation and illegal activity such as human trafficking, forced labour and illegal labour provision, as well as offences under the National Minimum Wage and Employment Agencies Acts.

They investigate all aspects of labour exploitation in England and Wales but they also work with partner organisations such as the police, the National Crime Agency and other government law enforcement agencies to target, dismantle and disrupt serious and organised crime across the UK.

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They provide a central point of contact for information about fraud and financially motivated internet crime.

# Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

**0300 123 2040**



## National Cyber Security Centre

a part of GCHQ

The NCSC understands cyber security, and distils this knowledge into practical guidance that they make available to all. They respond to cyber security incidents to reduce the harm they cause to organisations and the wider UK. They use industry and academic expertise to nurture the UK's cyber security capability. The NCSC reduce risks to the UK by securing public and private sector networks



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