

CUCKOOING: **Spot the signs**

Cuckooing is when a person's home is taken over, often linked to illegal activities such as drug dealing. It can lead to a person no longer having control or feeling safe in their own home.



Frequent visitors and new housemates: guests at all hours and/or unfamiliar people staying at the property



Vehicles: increased attendance of cars, bikes, scooters etc. for short periods of time



Deliveries: a number of items (e.g. TVs, bikes, takeaways) arriving at the property by various means



Gaining entry: unknown persons having keys and/or pressing buzzers to gain access, communal doors being propped open



Antisocial behaviour: groups congregating, noise, increased litter



Drug signs: Unusual or increased signs of drug use- smells or drug paraphernalia



Declining visits and Social isolation: fewer family, friends and/or social support visits and withdrawing from social activities



Financial strain: Unusual or increased debt, reliant on foodbanks, lack of money



Coercive control: being accompanied or controlled by a "friend"



Someone's at Risk - What to Do?

In an emergency, call **999** immediately. Worried about cuckooing? Report it to the police on **101**. You can also report anonymously through Crimestoppers at **0800 555 111**.