Are you being CUCKOOED?

Has your home been taken over by drug dealers?
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Do you feel powerless to ask them to leave?
Do you feel you have to comply with their requests?
Are you fearful of coming forward due to possible consequences?

If the answer is yes, it is likely that you are the victim of cuckooing. This is the practice of criminal gangs targeting people’s homes in order to use them to deal drugs.

How this can affect you

- If your home is raided by police, you face being arrested and possibly charged and convicted for drug dealing.
- You risk losing your home; this could impact on your ability to secure future accommodation.
- Your own drug use and mental health could deteriorate.
- You could be liable for any damage caused to the property and potentially left with an expensive drug habit.

What to do if your home is taken over

Cuckooing itself is not a criminal offence but it is anti-social. Sussex Police is working with partners to ensure that we take a sensitive approach to this activity and acknowledge the impact this has on the person being cuckooed.

You can report this activity to your housing provider/landlord or support worker.

Alternatively, you can contact Sussex Police on 101 by email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or online at www.sussex.police.uk

Always dial 999 in an emergency. You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.