## CUCKOOING

is when criminals take over a vulnerable person's home and use it:

- To deal, store or take drugs
- For sexual or financial exploitation
- To hide weapons or stolen goods
- As a place to stay

## **Know the signs**



Gardens are overgrown



Piles of takeaway boxes or containers



Several cars, bikes, or mopeds are parked outside of the property



Locks on internal doors



Bedding that does not belong to the client



Children or adults that have no clear connection to the tenant



Unopened mail



Damage to doors or windows



Curtains and blinds are closed during the day

## The client may:

- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn
- Provide accounts of how injuries have occurred which seem rehearsed
- Be in a poor state of health or display signs of self-neglect (e.g. unclean clothing)
- Seem isolated from friends, family, and support services



If you suspect a property is being cuckooed call **101**, in an emergency call **999**. To report information anonymously call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or use the QR code to report online



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