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



Locks on internal doors



Unopened mail



Piles of takeaway boxes or containers



Secure doors are propped open



Damage to doors or windows



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



Children or adults that have no clear connection to the tenant



Curtains and blinds are closed during the day



the tenant may:

- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn
- Be carrying multiple mobile phones
- Regularly report that they have lost their door keys or access fobs
- Avoid eye contact





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

