

Scenario 1: Dave

Dave lives in a one-bedroom flat in a deprived neighbourhood. He has a history of homelessness and drug use.

Dave is a victim of county lines cuckooing.

County lines operatives have taken over his property, confiscated his door keys, and try to prevent others from entering.

Dave is sleeping on a mattress in his kitchen as his bedroom is being used as a place to store, prepare and sell drugs. He is being abused, both emotionally and physically.

Dave presents as dazed, frightened and hopeless.

Scenario 2: Jaz

Jaz is a recent care leaver, and is living alone for the first time. Neighbours have lodged a series of complaints about the loud music being played in Jaz's property, and the number of visitors that she receives around-the-clock.

Jaz is a victim of cuckooing connected to sex work.

Jaz's best friend, Liv, has been groomed by an older male. She knows the code to gain access to Jaz's flat, and uses it as a place to meet her clients. Jaz is unhappy about strangers 'partying' in her home and finding used condoms in her bed. This causes her to argue with Liv. The two always reconcile, with Liv bringing Jaz expensive gifts and alcohol to mollify her.

Jaz presents as drained and irritated.

Scenario 3: Sarah

Sarah is a single-parent, and lives in a semi-detached property that she rents from a private landlord. She works part-time as a receptionist, and often struggles to make ends meet.

Sarah is a victim of romantic partner cuckooing.

Unbeknownst to Sarah, her new boyfriend is a member of an organised crime group. He matched with Sarah on a dating app, where he quickly learned that she was lonely and concerned about her son growing up without a father-figure. He moved into her home three weeks after their first date. At first, he showered Sarah with affection, played with her son, and offered to pay all of her bills. Now, he controls every aspect of Sarah's life, threatens her and her son, and stores piles of stolen goods in her property.

Sarah presents as defensive and nervous.

Scenario 4: Ravi

Ravi is a retired teacher. He lives alone in a detached property in an affluent area. He has physical health issues and suffers from memory loss. His wife passed away two years ago, and he has no children.

Ravi is being cuckooed to facilitate financial exploitation.

A young couple befriended Ravi at a 'coffee and cake' morning organised by his local church. They offered to buy him groceries and to mow his front lawn. Having built trust and dependence over time, the couple now live in Ravi's home, drive his car, and are stealing money from his bank account.

Ravi believes that the couple are his carers, and is grateful for their help and companionship.

He presents as vulnerable and confused.

