

# CUCKOOING

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

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

## Know the signs



Not attending medical appointments



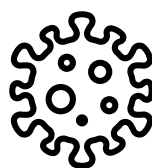
Frequent claims of lost medication



Not collecting prescriptions



Efforts to contact the patient are unsuccessful



Sexually transmitted infections or unwanted pregnancies



Self-neglect (e.g. unclean clothing)



People with no known connection to the patient have accompanied them to appointments



Refusal of at-home appointments or referral to NHS community health services

## The patient may:



- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn
- Be reluctant to return home after a stay in hospital

- Provide accounts of how injuries have occurred which seem rehearsed
- Be carrying multiple mobile phones



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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