



Cuckooing Posters

Laura Bainbridge and the Cuckooing Research & Prevention Network, based at the University of Leeds, have published some really useful, at-a-glance posters to help professionals identify the indicators of cuckooing.

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

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- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn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

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- Gardens are overgrown
- Locks on internal doors
- CCTV equipment
- Piles of takeaway boxes or containers
- Weapons and expensive items
- Damage to doors or windows
- Drug manufacturing and dealing paraphernalia
- Children or adults that have no clear connection to the resident
- Curtains and blinds are closed during the day

The resident may:

- Provide accounts of how injuries have occurred which seem rehearsed
- Be carrying multiple mobile phones
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- 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- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn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

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- Gardens are overgrown
- Locks on internal doors
- Unopened mail
- Piles of takeaway boxes or containers
- Bedding that does not belong to the client
- 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 client may:

- Present as angry, anxious, fearful or withdrawn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

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