

WHO	POSITIVES	NEGATIVES
Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are less likely to judge someone • Easy to talk to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't necessarily do anything about the situation • Might spread rumours • Might involve friends in illegal/ risky situations
Family/ Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can help keep them safe • Likely to give good advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Might be angry or upset • May not know themselves what to do
Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can help keep them safe • Will take them seriously • Likely to have connections with people who can help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They might not understand • They may have a legal duty to pass information on if they think someone is at risk of serious harm
Support organisation e.g. Childline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential and anonymous • Can give expert advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things might not change afterwards as Childline do not intervene • No-one looking out for them in person
Specialist local gangs support group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can give expert advice • Will take you seriously as most people working for the organisation will have had experience with gangs themselves • Have relevant knowledge of local gangs and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for such groups is limited so it is harder to access them sometimes • Smaller groups may not be able to support everyone who comes to them for help
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can help keep people safe • Will take people seriously • Have seen people in the situation before • Have up to date knowledge of local gangs and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person might have to face criminal charges • There may be social consequences through police involvement

[For Young People | Bedfordshire VERU \(bedsveru.org\)](http://bedsveru.org)

[Childline | Childline](#)

[Give info - Fearless](#)

[Gang involvement - Runaway Helpline](#)

[Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

[Gangs | Childline](#)

[Crime | Childline](#)

[Mental Health Support For Young People | YoungMinds](#)

[Home - Victim Support](#)



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