

# St Giles

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## Slang Dictionary



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## GUIDANCE TO USE

Slang words and terminology are used in a criminal context and can often be indicators of involvement in gangs and criminal activity. Many children and young people who are criminally exploited will use terms they've picked up from specific involvement within gangs, serious violence, drug trafficking and other forms of illicit activity. As professionals, understanding these colloquialisms - and knowing how to decipher and contextualise them - can be beneficial when identifying those at risk, contextually safeguarding service users and implementing cultural competency in professional practice.

St Giles' SOS+ Service has produced this Slang Dictionary containing a comprehensive list of words, terminology and phrases, with examples of how they're used in sentences. This is not an alphabetical glossary but a dictionary which compartmentalises words/phrases within subcategories as there are multiple ways of saying the same thing in slang e.g. in this dictionary there are 20 different words and/or terms used to refer to a knife or bladed article. If you're searching for the meaning of a specific word, you have overheard or come across, we recommend pressing **'CTRL-F'** to access the navigation function and type the word in the navigation bar. However, it is worth bearing in mind that there is no general consensus on the correct spelling of slang terminology and you may need to try various forms of the word. This information has been compiled and quality assured by a dedicated team of practitioners with lived experience in the criminal justice system - former perpetrators and/or survivors of gangs, exploitation and violence - utilising their first-hand knowledge of gang culture and the esoteric nuances within the criminal world to ensure this resource is accurate, authentic and credible.

When referring to this dictionary it is of paramount significance that discretion is applied to avoid inadvertently demonising and criminalising young people. A young person's lexis and word choice does not definitively determine that they are at risk - or already being - exploited. Generally speaking, the vernacular in our national youth culture incorporates slang. Even slang terms that originally derive from criminal code - meaning they were made by and used by criminals - have undergone a semantic shift and are used by pro-social, law-abiding citizens in everyday speech e.g. The word 'trap' as a verb means to sell drugs; however the meaning has transitioned into popular mainstream youth culture and now means to 'work', therefore someone can say they're 'trapping' and imply that they are simply just working hard at their legitimate job as a construction worker. Many young people will also use slang to sound cool, feel accepted within their friendship circles or due to cultural influence. Modern day slang in the UK is an amalgamation of criminal code combined with cockney rhyming slang, American rap influences, environmental influences, Caribbean patois, and key phrases from other cultures. It's also important to understand that one slang term can have multiple meanings depending on the context; making it even more ambiguous and harder to decode. For example, the letter 'G' can mean 'friend/peer', 'fellow gang-member', 'grand' as in £1000, or 'gram' referring to the measurement of a drug.

When hearing a young person refer to specific measurements, detailed drug transactions, engaging in conversations describing serious violence, or using key phrases within cyber-crime; you could infer that what they're saying goes beyond trying to sound 'cool' or simply reciting 'lyrics' from music where illicit activity is being glamourised. Nevertheless, we recommend that this is weighed up against other intelligence, evidence, signs and indicators to avoid criminalisation. It is important to acknowledge that criminal slang is always being updated and modified and therefore we recommend using the latest version of this resource which will be updated on a semi-annual basis.

We hope you find this being the first edition useful.

# DRUGS

Term	Slang	Context	Notes
Drugs		<p><i>"I've got the pengest slate in the ends"</i></p> <p><i>"I've got 50 pebs of each plugged"</i></p> <p><i>"These rocks are meedi"</i></p> <p><i>"I've got pebs of dubs and slate ballsed off", "I've got a ball of nose (cocaine) ballsed".</i></p> <p><i>"I've only been dotting weed this week", "I broke the Z (ounce) down into shots/dots", "she's my favourite shot, she comes correct with the ps (money) every time"</i></p>	

*"I've got 29 wraps of white and 22 of B left"*

*"I've got bare of the dubs left, no B though"*

*"That cat wanted 2 dark, 3 light"*

*"You know I'm gonna have to charge you extra  
for the straight drop"*

## Crack Cocaine

## Cocaine

*"I've got the pengest shine in South right now".*

*"I've got some raw nose right now. Shout me."*

*"It's bash so you might wanna wait til I've got the press back in. You can get this for the low though"*

*"Yeah I've got premium packet in right now, proper yayo, this yola will make you feel like superman, I'm telling you".*

## Heroin

*"I just licked a 4 and a half of booj"*

*"6 for 50 on the B"*

## Cannabis

*"Yeah man's (I've) got cali all day bro, 3.5s, big bits (larger quantities), what were you after?"*

*"Man was so waved off that Cali last night, was proper loud"*

*"That weed is piff", "I've got piff"*

*"I've got the crow and chip, I just need some riz/sheets"*

*"That smells dank"*

*"This is some GAS!"*

*"Bro it's flavours so it's £50 (as opposed to the normal price of £30) for a 3.5 (grams)"*

*"I'm smoking bud"*

*"I've got that gas pack"*



# Strains of Cannabis

*"I'm smoking some loud Gelato right now, it's frying me"*

Please note there are hundreds of strains, these are a handful of some of the more well known strains used in the UK.

## MDMA

*"I'm going out tonight, got a gram of diz so I'm gonna be up all night, gonna be a mad one"*

## Codeine (and other liquid pharmaceuticals)

*"I sipped so much lean last night I didn't wake up til 5pm today, was in a lean coma (extremely sedated). I was moving so slowly and leaning so hard last night".*

**Drug  
users**

*"I just linked one nitty and they try short me £5, I had to stick it on her"*

*"I'm on my way to a next cat now then I'm going back to that same fiends house we were with the other day".*

**Prepare****drugs**

*"I've just got the pack am bagging up"*

*"If I give you it raw can you cook it"*

*"Take this corner (1/4 kilo) an break it into pebbz"*

*"I've got the box but I need a press"*

*"Don't be using to much bash"*

*"Mix it with the magic instead"*

## Selling Drugs

*"I make my money trapping"*

*"Am just out here shotting up the place"*

*"Just flipping these packs"*

*"Out here peddling these rocks"*

*"24/7 Grinding"*

*"Out here licking shot"*

*"Out on the strip beating dots"*

*"I don't do pebbz I'm moving food"*

*"I heard my man is pushing big food"*

*"I get my p's slanging rock"*

## Supplier

*"Am going to link the plug"*

*"I've just got a new connect"*

## County Line

*"I need some YG's to go OT"*

*"I'm going O"*

*"I've just got back from upsah"*

*"I'm goin downsah"*

*"I'm broke I need to fly cunch"*

*"Dem man av gone kway"*

**Place where  
drugs are sold  
From**

*"Don't bait up the trap house"*

*"Link me at the bando"*

*"Making racks in the T"*

*"The man dem are at the cunch spot"*

**Place where  
drugs  
are  
grown**

*"I heard that spot there is a grow house"*

**Conceal**

*"Don't have it on you plug it"*

*"Make sure you bank it"*

*"Cheeks the pack"*

*"Balls it"*

*"Wrap it in the cling"*

**Phone used  
for  
dealing**

*"What is that trap phone hitting"*

*"I will let you work the line"*

*"Hit me on the tizzy"*

*"They found the mash"*

## Units of measurement

### Kilo

*"I need a key"*

*"What you saying on the brick"*

*"What's the damage on the whole"*



**Half a  
Kilo**

*"I just hit a lick for half a key"*

**Quarter  
of a  
Kilo**

*"What is the best price you can do on a nina?"*

*"Lets break this corner down into pebbz"*

**4 ½  
ounces**

*"I'm going to get a 4 and half"*

**2 ¼ ounces**

*"How much is a 2 and a q?"*

**Ounce**

**(28g)**

*"I only have a z left"*

**½ Ounce**

**(14g)**

*"Just copped a half"*

**¼ Ounce**

**(7g)**

*"How much is a q"*

**1/8 Ounce**  
**(3.5g)**

*"I need a three five"*

**1 gram**

*"Tickets are a G"*

**1/2 gram**

*"Tickets are half a G"*

**0.2 gram**

*"Let me get a point-two"*

**Sales**  
**(Bundles)**

# VIOLENCE

Term	Slang	Context	Notes
<b>Knife</b>	Nank	<i>"I swear I'm gonna NANK this yout"</i>	
	Shank	<i>"Where is my shank?"</i>	
	Yank		
	Borer		
	Wetter		
		<i>"Good thing I brought my flicky"</i>	Flicky knife

## Gun

*"Hold my wap"*

*"Spinner is local"*

*"Rise the pumpy"*

## Stab

*"I'm going to dip him up"*

*"I poked his brother"*

*"I'm going to chef him up"*

*"I'm going to nank this yout"*

*"I keep my shank on me"*

*"He got bored up differently"*

*"Man got yanked in his face"*

*"He chinged him yesterday"*

*"I will ying him everytime I see him"*

*"I have done numerous shavings"*

*"He got diced the other day"*

*"Talk to me wrong and get sliced up"*

## Juice

*"Juice be spilled if you look at me sideways"*

## Shooting

*"I burst one in the opp block"*

*"Pepper be flying for family"*

*"Catch one in your headtop"*

*"Man hit up the opp block strip"*

*"Opps (enemies) get touched everyday"*

## Bullets

*"Got all the teeth to hit them man"*

*"Just got reup for the corn"*

*"Shells flying to cause a crime scene"*

*"Bro buss me the bells"*

*"Slugs come in different round these side"*

## Kill

*"I bodied that youte "*

*"Put down anyone that disrespect me"*

*"He got dropped for talking slick"*



*"He got smoked off"*

*"My guy got put in a spliff"*

*"Bill up that opp"*

*"My man got turned to a loud pack"*

## Going out to commit violence

*"Riding out on them is the least of my worries"*

*"Riding out on them man"*

*"Slide on opp block"*

*"Been out doing bootings from time"*

*"I'm ready to get slappings"*

*"All we need to do is glide on them"*

**Hunting  
down  
enemies**

*"Catch all these yutes lurking"*

*"I be fishing round the opp block"*

# MONEY

Term	Slang	Context	Notes
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Money

£1

£5

£10

£20

£25

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£50

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£100

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£500

£1000

*"I brought all my bands with me"*

*"I sold that car for a bag of sand"*

*"This Chain cost me 3 quid"*

**Types of cards**

## Card fraud

*"We are doing this laundry job"*

*"We got this money to wash up"*

## Details

*"I need your deets "*

*"We need your numbers or deets for this job"*

**Card**

*"I need your square"*

*"I need to use your swiper"*

**Amount  
criminal  
wants victim  
to hold in  
their account**

*10K drop*



# PEOPLE

## Term

## Slang

## Context

## Notes

### Girls

*"We meeting them tings today"*

*"I want to meet that pum tonight"*

*"Yo, you see them baddies over there"*

*"When we linking the gyaldem"*

*"That girl is some serious panash"*

## Sex

## Police

*"The jakes are on my case"*

*"Those police are in plain clothes"*

*"I just saw the Feds"*

## Promiscuous

### female

*"That girl is a sket"*

*"That girl is a hoe"*

*"She is working as hooker"*

*"She has turned into a jezzie"*

## Rivals

*"Yo, them boys are pagons"*

*"Them boys are my opps"*

*"We just drove through the opp block"*

*"We looked for them boys on the other side"*

*"Them boys are looking for us"*

*"I'm gonna link the Olders now"*

## Working hard

*"I've been puttin in work all day"*

*"We've been grinding hard all day"*

*"I've been grafting all day"*

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## OTHER

Term	Slang	Context	Notes
Blood			
Jail/ Prison			

**Manoeuvring  
through**

*"Man had to cut-tru the opp block"*

**To be on  
foot**

**On job**

**Arrested**

**Loss**

**Win**

**Matching**

*"Rambo Twinning"*

**Violation**



## Lying/ oversharing

## Vehicles

*"Man needs a dinga asap"*

*"Bring the ding dong around, so we can get  
round there"*

*"I just bought a ped to get trappy"*

*"Can I borrow the whip to go buss it"*

*"I just copped a new wizz to get me about"*

*"I just spotted a bully van at the top of the road"*

*"I ain't going back, serco aint seeing me again"*

*"We need a 4x4 so all the mandem can get in  
the ride"*

*"I need nothing less than a 125 to get about on"*

*"When I G checked that youth he crumbled"*

**Scared/**

**frozen**

*"It got On tops so we fell back"*

*"The Beef is frying so make sure you don't lack"*

**Caught  
off  
guard**

*"They caught my man slipping after the club and  
done him in"*

*"I can never get caught lacking like my man,  
now he's in a spliff"*

**Big/  
muscular**

*"Bro he lives in the gym he's hench"*

*"How often do you work out you're wench"*

*"She's wam I wonder how much she can bench"*

*"He just came out of jail that's why hes so blam"*

*"Man's looking bolo"*

**Madness/  
Something Crazy**

*"I'm gonna do a mazza"*

*"Come we do a mazzalene"*

**Stare/  
look**

*"I hate when they pree me"*

**To supply in  
advance/on  
credit**

*"I don't do ticks"*

*"Can you conny me"*

**Offences**

*"I'm on a nappin case"*

*"Bro just buss a M he's gassed!"*

*"I'm fighting that m charge"*

*"If they get caught for that stabbing it's nothing less than a AM"*

**Confront  
someone  
aggressively**

*"Don't make me bad -up your friend"*

*"Don't make me stick it on you"*

*"I beg you set pace"*

*"Come we g check him"*

**Running/**

*"We had my man dashing"*

*"I saw you doing the dash"*

**Getting  
away/**

*"I had you cutting out"*

**Escaping**

*"I'm letting you know from now if I see jakes  
(police) I'm S'ing out"*

*"I had you jettin"*

*"You got ducked down"*

## Salutations

*"What you saying for them man"*

*"What you telling me fam"*

*"Wagwan my guy"*

*"Yo my bro, you good?"*

## Terms of endearment

*"What you telling me bro"*

*"What you telling me sis"*

*"What you telling me brudda"*

*"My broski"*

*"My brodie"*

*"My killy"*

*"My lil bro-bro"*

*"My slime"*

*"My day-one"*

*"My cuz"*

*"My cuzzy"*

*"My cousin"*

*"My G"*

*"You good my gee-gee?"*

*"My akh"*



*"My akhee"*

*"My fam"*

*"My family"*

*"You good mush"*

*"You good matey"*

# ACRONYMS

## Acronym

## Meaning

MOB

MOE

DBD

GABOS

MIAMI

YG

OG

GBG