

MACE Purpose Statement

Lewisham's Tactical MACE (Multi-Agency Child Exploitation) is a strategic panel which has oversight of children & young people (10-25 yrs.) where the primary concerns relate to extra-familial risk including but not limited to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation including County Lines (CCE), Missing Children and Serious Youth Violence (SYV) in Lewisham.

The main purpose of the panel is to promote the safety and well-being of children, young people and communities from harm in a collaborative and multi-agency manner. Ensuring that all agencies are making necessary use of the powers and resources at their disposal to safeguard children and young people. Tapping into resources to share information; planning for safety for young people, organisations & locations; delivering interventions to prevent and disrupt violence and exploitation in LB Lewisham.

The MACE is committed to promoting Anti-Racist, Anti-Discriminatory & Anti-Oppressive practice. This includes challenging biases, adultification, micro-aggressions and all forms of prejudice. Collectively, the MACE seeks to achieve and uphold these standards and practices by creating safe spaces in which to discuss and consider children and young people whilst challenging itself and others when these standards are not being upheld (*i.e., calling out racism, discrimination and biases*); by incorporating inclusive language which doesn't victimise or blame young people & by encouraging and promoting cultural competence and cultural sensitivity at all times.

We encourage all partners to adopt the same guiding principles and to share positive and critical learning in order to promote our mission.