

Child Exploitation Policy Acronyms

CE Child Exploitation

CCE Child Criminal Exploitation

CSE Child Sexual Exploitation

YOS Youth Offending Service

CP Child Protection

CLA Children Looked After

The Multi-Agency Child Exploitation meeting (MACE)

Child Exploitation takes places in local communities and information known to the full spectrum of statutory and voluntary sector agencies should be used to highlight the threat, establish and reduce risk. It is anticipated that an improved intelligence picture will enable effective action in a greater number of cases of child exploitation, thereby reducing the harm that would otherwise be caused to the young victims and their families.

A MACE meeting will provide the framework to allow regular information sharing and action planning to tackle child exploitation across Merseyside. Representatives from a range of statutory, voluntary and community sector agencies will attend at the meeting. The MACE meetings will be co-chaired by Merseyside Police (usually a Detective Inspector) and Safeguarding lead for the Local Authority.

Multi-Agency Response to Threat, Harm and Risk (MARTHR)

Children Services work closely with community police and safety partners and attend a monthly Multi-Agency Response to Threat Harm and Risk meeting (MARTHR), alongside adult service partners. MARTHR is jointly chaired between the council and Merseyside Police and is responsible for considering those alleged perpetrators for criminal and sexual exploitation of children. The Community Safety Partnership further facilitates a problem solving forum. This forum allows agencies to refer particular locations or individuals for discussion at a senior multi-agency level and plans are developed utilising all different agencies powers in order to reduce risks. At any stage an adult perpetrator's name becomes apparent then a referral needs to be made into MARTHR process (See appendix A)