

London Adolescent Safeguarding Oversight Board

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Invited:		Tola Masha, Ben Byrne, Bev Hendricks, Chris Miller, Clair Kelland, Daniel Phelps, David Dare, David Pennington, Davina Smith, Florence Kroll, Gary Connors, Henry Smithers, James Dickson-Leach, Jeanne King, Jenny Goodridge, Jess Mullen, Karla Goodman, Katie Mitchell, Kuda Kurashwa, Lisa Dhanjal, Lisa Kunwar-Deer, Luke Billingham, Mary Jarrett, Matt Cray, Nicky Hill, Pippa Goodfellow, Rangan Momen, Roberta Evans, Roisin Madden, Shaun Flook, Shumailla Dar, Stephanie Royston-Mitchell, Stuart Collins, Tamsyn Basson, Valentin Danciu, Roisin Madden, Abi Billinghamurst, Daniel Phelps, Andrew Wadey, Will Balakrishnan, Victoria Hilliard, William Willson, Jade Levell, Paul Olaitan, Christopher D'Aguiar
Apologies:		Roisin Madden, Roberta Evans, Daniel Phelps, Stuart Collins, Chris Miller, Abi Billinghamurst, Shumailla Dar
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Item	Time	
1.	13.00 – 13.05 (5 mins)	Welcome and matters arising – Florence Kroll
2.	13.05 – 13.15 (10 mins)	MACE Protocol launch and implementation – Jeanne King, Bas Dickson Leach and Tamsyn Basson
3.	13.15 – 13.35 (20 mins)	London Child Remand Project update – Ben Byrne
4.	13.35 – 14.05 (30 mins)	Joining the Dots: Knife Crime, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Children as Victims, Youth Justice and Child First - Dr Jade Levell
5.	14.05 – 14.25 (20 mins)	Children missing from care. Shared Understanding to Consistent Practice: System Priorities for Change - Paul Olaitan
6.	14.25 – 14.45 (20 mins)	Partner updates – ALL Updates from partners on key developments, emerging issues, or areas requiring cross-borough collaboration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race equity – All • London Children’s Services Practice Spotlight
7.	14.45 – 15.00 (15 mins)	AOB

Welcome and matters arising – Florence Kroll

Florence welcomed new attendees and noted apologies, including new members such as Shuan Flook (Assistant Director, Housing Needs and Tenancy, LB Greenwich), Will Cole (Deputy Lead Responsible Officer for Missing and Child Exploitation, Met Police).

Action: Mei to check in with Roisin re: LASOB membership as Roisin has changed roles.

MACE Protocol launch and implementation

The protocol is now live (not yet printed) and boroughs are expected to begin implementation. An annual reporting template will be trialled this year, with outputs expected to feed into LASOB around September 2026.

There will be an increased focus on disruption activity and strengthened governance arrangements.

Discussion highlighted variation across boroughs and the need for clearer expectations on panel connectivity and safeguarding oversight. It was suggested that information is gathered on local arrangements and escalated via safeguarding partnerships or LASOB. The Counter Terrorism Board may support alignment, specifically around Prevent and Channel.

Action:

FK / BB to continue ongoing work to understand and align Prevent practice.

FK / BB to consider how to gather borough information on panel connectivity and links into safeguarding partnerships.

London Child Remand Project (LCRP) – Ben Byrne

BB presented an update on the LCRP, highlighting concerns about high rates of custodial remand in London and the need to improve alternatives to custody.

It was noted that governance and reporting arrangements for LCRP are not yet formally defined, with links to LASOB and the developing London Children's, Policing and Youth Justice Forum still being clarified.

KK raised concerns about the visibility of local authority contribution to youth justice work. Concerns were also raised regarding violence at Feltham YOI. FK confirmed a review is underway led by Isabelle Trowler, with a view to responding once findings are available. VH noted this can be escalated through LASOB update at The London Safeguarding Children Partnership meeting.

Actions:

BB / FK to clarify governance and reporting arrangements for LCRP including where it sits within London governance structures

VH / FK to raise Feltham YOI concerns via the LASOB update at The London Safeguarding Children Partnership meeting.

Joining the Dots: Knife Crime, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Children as Victims, Youth Justice and Child First

Dr Jade Levell presented findings highlighting strong links between domestic abuse, exposure to violence, and later serious youth violence.

Discussion emphasised the need for a stronger focus on parental awareness of the impact of behaviour on children, and better connection between domestic abuse and community safety work.

Discussion highlighted the importance of strengthening early intervention, improving links between domestic abuse and community safety work, and increasing parental understanding of the impact of violence in the home. There was particular interest in approaches to supporting boys and young men.

SRM highlighted local Test, Learn, Grow work at Kingston and DS highlighted related VRU activity supporting victims of domestic abuse. MJ suggested linking this work with the London Leaders in Education group.

Actions:

Mei to circulate Jade's slides and contact details.

MJ to link Jade with London Leaders in Education group.

FK, BH, KG and BB to explore a wider workshop to take forward learning into practice across London.

WC to share relevant contact with MPS colleague with Jade.

You can access the slide deck [here](#).

You can read the policy brief [here](#).

DS highlighted related work and offered to share a link to relevant resources supporting children and young people affected by domestic abuse.

[VRU Evidence Hub Page 3 | London City Hall](#) – Therapeutic support to children and YP victims of DA

Children missing from care. Shared Understanding to Consistent Practice: System Priorities for Change

Paul presented findings highlighting a gap between formal systems and lived practice. Over-reliance on police responses risks over-criminalisation, and missing episodes should be treated as indicators of wider vulnerability requiring coordinated safeguarding responses.

Partner updates – ALL

VRU provided an update including review of borough violence reduction action plans (with feedback aligned with police input), confirmed Home Office funding, and ongoing work on custody-based interventions and online harms. Work is also underway to support youth provision and community-based organisations.

Practice Spotlight 2026 – Now Live

Practice Spotlight 2026 is open, and we're inviting you to share the new and emerging practice taking shape across London.

Every day, teams and partners across the region are improving outcomes for children, young people and families. This year's Spotlight focuses on early ideas and innovations - the work that's developing now and deserves to be shared, celebrated and grown.

You can choose from nine categories, including racial equity, early intervention, SEND, care leavers, multi-agency safeguarding and placement innovation. Multiple submissions are welcome.

Learn more about Practice Spotlight 2026 and start your submission [here](#).

Submission deadline: Friday 29 May 2026

Category 3 (*Building safety for young Londoners*) is sponsored by LASOB. We are now looking for colleagues who would like to volunteer to join the regional review panel for this category. This will involve reviewing submissions and contributing to the peer-assessment process. If you're interested in supporting this work, please let us know [here](#) we'll follow up with further details on timings and expectations.

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Victoria provided an update on the Pan-London Threshold Document review, which will go out for consultation in June/July. Input is encouraged, particularly on extra-familial harm and domestic abuse.

Action: All members to review and respond to the consultation when issued.

Next LASOB Meeting:

The previously scheduled meeting on Friday 28 August 2026 is being rescheduled. The new date and time will be confirmed in due course. The meeting will take place in person at London Councils, 12 Arthur Street, London EC4R 9AB.