

# Multi Agency Critical Incident Exercise (MACIE)

## What is MACIE?

MACIE is a Multi Agency Critical Incident Exercise focused on child safeguarding. The College of Policing runs this immersive learning exercise that brings child safeguarding specialists together to explore decision-making, while also providing an opportunity to improve communication, collaborative learning and networking.

Over two days delegates will tackle realistic and topical scenarios delivered by the latest generation of the Hydra immersive learning system. The flow of information into and between the partner agencies encourages syndicate-based discussion about complex decision-making, while promoting the importance of sharing information, accountability and recording rationale.

At various points during the exercise delegates will return to facilitated plenary sessions where a wider discussion will take place and syndicate decisions are explored and compared. The MACIE Facilitator, who has extensive experience of the strategic issues relating to child safeguarding, will discuss the complexities of leading teams within a child safeguarding arena.

## What learning outcomes will MACIE achieve?

MACIE helps encourage and promote existing professional partnership relationships and identify existing good local safeguarding practice.

After successfully completing MACIE, delegates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of each agency's role, responsibilities, operating frameworks and cultural perspectives when assessing risk in child abuse cases.
2. Recognise the need for a shared definition and understanding of risk in terms of protecting children.
3. Outline the differences between the sharing of information for intelligence purposes and information sharing to inform risk assessments to support sound safeguarding decisions.

4. Demonstrate sound decision-making underpinned by full and unambiguous written rationale.
5. Recognise the need for support by strong leadership.

## Who should attend?

The following key safeguarding agencies must be represented by four delegates:

- **Children's Social Care:** Managers of child safeguarding Social Workers.
- **Education:** Designated Safeguarding Leads or school head teachers.
- **Police:** Managers from local Child Abuse Investigation Teams.
- **Health:** Managers from child safeguarding health teams or General Practitioners.

Each of the following must also be represented by one delegate:

- A local NHS Consultant Paediatrician.
- A local solicitor or barrister.
- A senior education manager from the Local Education Authority.
- A police officer with responsibility for strategic leadership of local child safeguarding.
- A Director or Deputy Director of local Social Services.
- The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).
- A communications manager from the local authority or police area.
- One or two representatives from local non-governmental organisations or local safeguarding charities.

## How much does it cost?

There are three price packages to choose from and we recommend that the cost is shared between the four key agencies.

### Key

-  = included in package price
-  = to be provided by one or all of the multi-agency partners
-  = to be provided by one or all of the multi-agency partners, with possible College support

	Package one in a College hydra suite	Package two in a non-College hydra suite	Package three in a premises owned or controlled by any of the agencies
Hydra developers (x2)			
MACIE facilitator			
Exercise co-ordinator*	 The College will support logistical arrangements on a College site		
Hydra equipment		 The College may supply some mobile equipment	 The College may supply some mobile equipment
Venue hire**			
Delegate accommodation			
Refreshments			
Team accommodation			

\* The college will offer guidance to anyone undertaking this role and will support the on-site administration activities

\*\* In order to run MACIE, 7 rooms are required: a plenary room, 4 syndicate rooms, a Hydra control room and break out/lunch room

Please note, there is not an option for a force or agency to run this exercise without College support. This is due to the complexity of the exercise and a force's ability to maintain its integrity, given the small number of deliveries per year.

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