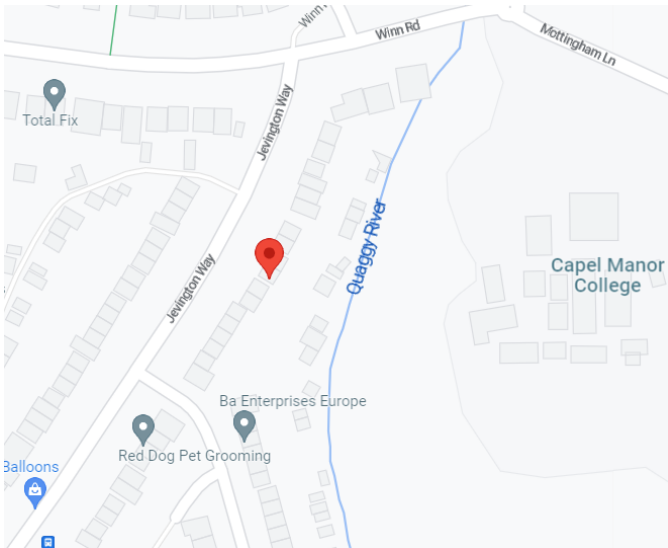


Location Assessment

21, Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF

Local Area Assessment

Main focus - RED SPOT





1. Area profile

Socio demographics, education performance
and racial mix

2. Local area resources

Proximity and access to public services and facilities able to support the needs of young residents.

3. Local area risk assessment

Mapping crime hotspot areas, establishing crime statistics, gang /drugs/CSE risk levels
Document should mention what safeguarding concerns are identified and how they are mitigated.

Introduction – legislative background

All children, whether they are looked after by the state or their parents, need to feel safe in the area surrounding their home. Just as any parent would want their child to live in a safe area so too will a corporate parent who places children in a children's home. Recent public and media attention has focused on the physical environments of children's homes. However, it is not always straightforward to define a 'safe' area. Whether a location is safe can change rapidly, and may depend on the vulnerabilities of

particular children. Indeed some individual children may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particularly risky behaviours.

A home may be located in an area with some local risks, and still be 'safe', if these are managed well, arrangements are made to keep children safe, and placement decisions take account of these risks. Consideration of risks in a local area, and what steps should be taken to mitigate these, should be part of the care planning and placement decision process. Placing social workers should be responsible for assessing local risks and making judgments about safe locations before placing the child. The availability of support and services in the local area (e.g. education, health, CAMHS), as well as risk factors, should be considered before the placement is made. There has been in the past a lack of clarity about who must take responsibility for ensuring children's homes are located safely – including the roles of placing LAs, host LAs, LSCBs and providers themselves.

Our role as providers

Better equipping children's home staff to make judgments about local risks, manage challenging behaviour, and keep children safe is an important element. Workforce training, support and knowledge is therefore critical to the success. It is acknowledged that there are limitations of mapping in capturing a 'dynamic picture' but considers that such mapping could play a useful part in the wider assessments of risk. The home's location assessment should be kept under review and amended to take into account any new risks as these are identified. The annual update will need to be proportionate and will not usually need to be carried out at the level of the initial assessment. Ofsted inspectors may take into account the quality of an existing home's manager's location assessment when evaluating the effectiveness of the home's approach to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. It will be essential to talk with children in the home's care about the quality of life in the area to establish whether they feel safe and how to manage any risks they identify. Children will also be able to offer homes managers valuable insights about the quality of local services.

The Children's Homes and Looked after Children (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulations 2013 introduced the following changes to the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the Registration Regulations:

Regulation 31(1A) and (1B) of the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 as amended introduced a requirement in January 2014 for providers or managers to:
ensure that premises used for the purposes of a children's home are appropriately and suitably located so that children cared for by the home are:

- (a) effectively safeguarded, and
 - (b) able to access services to meet the needs identified in their care or placement plans;
- review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises at least once in every calendar year.

Location assessments will need to address two issues:

1. Safeguarding concerns
2. Accessibility of local services

It is important for the manager or a potential new provider to have a broad understanding of the characteristics of the area where a home is or may be located. Looked-after children placed in deprived areas, perhaps far away from the authority responsible for their care, may face disadvantage and lack opportunities to enjoy and achieve in these communities. The considerations a home manager will need to take into account, as they carry out a location assessment, may include:

- whether the location of the home influences the potential for an already vulnerable child to be a victim of crime, such as being targeted for sexual exploitation;
- whether there is a likelihood of children placed in the home becoming drawn into gang crime or anti-social behaviour in the local area; /.
- the suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect; and
- whether there are environmental factors that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near level crossings or busy roads.

Location assessments should also take into account any positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to children living in a children's home. For example, assessments could include evidence about opportunities for children to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities, or links with services that could support the child's ethnic or religious identity.

Accessibility of local services

21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF is located in the London Borough of Lewisham, in southeast London. The area is predominantly residential, with some small shops and businesses located nearby.

There are several local bus routes that serve the area, including the 202, 261, and 273 buses, which stop on Lee High Road, a short walk from Jevington Way. The nearest train station is Lee Station, which is approximately a 15-minute walk from the address.

There are also several local services in the area, including:

Shops and supermarkets: There are several small shops and convenience stores located on Lee High Road, as well as a large Sainsbury's supermarket located nearby.

Restaurants and cafes: There are several cafes and restaurants located on Lee High Road and nearby Hither Green Lane, including Indian, Chinese, and Turkish cuisine.

Health services: There are several GP surgeries located nearby, including the Burnt Ash Surgery and the Lee Road Surgery. There is also a pharmacy located on Lee High Road.

Leisure facilities: There are several parks and green spaces located nearby, including Manor Park and Hither Green Cemetery. The Lee Green Community Centre is also located nearby and offers a range of leisure activities and classes.

Safeguarding concerns

There are no major concerns about the locality in which the home is based.

Safeguarding is a priority in Lewisham, as it is in any local authority, to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm or abuse. The Lewisham Council has a dedicated webpage that provides information on what to do if you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult, including how to report a safeguarding concern and how the council will respond. The council works with the Lewisham Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) and Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board

(LSAB), which are multi-agency partnerships that bring together different organizations and professionals to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults in Lewisham. These partnerships provide information, resources, and training to help professionals and organizations recognize and respond to safeguarding concerns.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) also provides support and resources for anyone who has concerns about the welfare of a child. They offer a helpline that provides advice and support to anyone who is worried about a child or wants to report a concern. In addition, Lewisham Police can be contacted directly by anyone who has concerns about the immediate safety or welfare of a child or vulnerable adult in Lewisham.

Overall, safeguarding is taken very seriously in Lewisham, and the council, LSCP, LSAB, NSPCC, and police work together to ensure that anyone who has concerns about the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult in Lewisham can report it to the relevant authorities for support and guidance.

Area profile & accessibility of local services

21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF is located in the London Borough of Lewisham, in southeast London. The area is predominantly residential, with a mix of housing types, including Victorian and Edwardian terraces, post-war council estates, and more modern developments.

Lewisham is a London borough located in the southeast of England. According to the available data from the UK Office for National Statistics, as of mid-2020, the population of Lewisham was estimated to be approximately 311,000 people.

Here are some key demographic characteristics of Lewisham:

Age: The median age in Lewisham is 34 years old, which is younger than the median age for England as a whole (40 years old).

Ethnicity: Lewisham is a diverse borough, with a large proportion of its population belonging to ethnic minority groups. The ethnic breakdown of Lewisham is as follows: 52.7% White British, 18.4% Black African and Caribbean, 9.4% Asian (including Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi), and 5.5% Mixed ethnicity. There is also a significant number of residents who identify as Other ethnicity (e.g. Arab, Chinese, or other non-European ethnic groups).

Religion: The most commonly practiced religions in Lewisham are Christianity (45.7% of the population), Islam (10.3%), and Hinduism (1.3%). However, a significant proportion of residents identify as having no religion (31.2%).

Housing: The average house price in Lewisham as of December 2021 was £504,129. This represents a 3.3% increase from the previous year.

The majority of residents in Lewisham live in rented accommodation, with only around 29% of households owning their own home (either outright or with a mortgage). The most common type of rented accommodation is social housing provided by the council or housing associations.

Education: Lewisham has a relatively young and highly educated population. Around 44% of residents aged 16-74 hold a degree-level qualification or above, compared to the national average of 38%

There are also several parks and green spaces located nearby, including Manor Park and Hither Green Cemetery, which offer opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation. The area also has a strong community spirit, with several local events and activities taking place throughout the year.

Lee High Road and nearby Hither Green Lane offer a range of small shops, cafes, and restaurants, as well as a large Sainsbury's supermarket located nearby.

The area is also home to several good schools, including Brindishe Lee Primary School, which is rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted, and St. Margaret's Lee CofE Primary School, which is rated "Good" by Ofsted.

In terms of transport, Lee Station provides good access to central London, as well as other areas of southeast London. There are also several bus routes that serve the area, including the 202, 261, and 273 buses.

Overall, 21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF is located in a popular and well-connected residential area with a strong community spirit, good schools, and access to a range of local services and amenities.

SAFETY

The overall safety of Lewisham can be evaluated based on crime statistics and community reports.

According to the latest crime statistics published by the Metropolitan Police, crime in Lewisham has decreased by 13% in the past year. This includes a 5% decrease in violent crime and a 17% decrease in theft and handling stolen goods.

The police and local authorities work together to ensure the safety of Lewisham's residents and visitors. There are various initiatives and strategies in place to prevent and address crime, including the use of CCTV cameras, the deployment of officers in high-crime areas, and community outreach programs. The Lewisham Police have also established partnerships with local businesses and residents to improve communication and cooperation.

In terms of community reports, Lewisham has a diverse and active community that takes pride in their neighborhoods. The council supports various community programs and initiatives aimed at improving safety and wellbeing, such as the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board, which brings together residents, police, and other agencies to discuss community safety concerns and to develop solutions.

Overall, crime rates have decreased, and the community is involved in creating a safer environment.

TRANSPORT

21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF is well-served by the local transport system, with several options available for getting around the area and beyond.

Train: The nearest train station to 21 Jevington Way is Lee Station, which is located approximately a 15-minute walk away. Trains from Lee Station provide direct services to London Bridge, Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and other central London destinations, with journey times ranging from around 15-30 minutes.

Bus: There are several local bus routes that serve the area, including the 202, 261, and 273 buses. These buses provide connections to nearby areas such as Greenwich, Eltham, Catford, and Lewisham, as well as to other parts of London.

Car: 21 Jevington Way is located near the A20 road, which provides connections to other areas of southeast London and beyond. However, the area can be quite congested during peak traffic periods, and parking can be difficult to find.

Cycling and walking: Lee is a relatively flat area, making it easy to cycle or walk around. There are several cycle routes and footpaths that provide connections to nearby areas, and Lee is also located near the Green Chain Walk, a network of footpaths and cycle routes that connects several parks and green spaces in southeast London.

Overall, there are several transport options available for getting around the Lee area from 21 Jevington Way, including train, bus, car, cycling, and walking.

DEMOGRAPHY

Lewisham is a borough located in the south-east of London, England. According to the latest available data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for mid-2020, Lewisham has an estimated population of 311,300 people, making it the 13th most populous borough in London.

Here are some key demographic characteristics of Lewisham:

The median age in Lewisham is 34 years old, which is lower than the average for London (36 years old) and for England and Wales (40 years old).

Lewisham is a diverse borough, with a mix of ethnic groups. The largest ethnic group is Black/African/Caribbean/Black British (30.4%), followed by White British (24.5%), and Asian/Asian British (15.5%). Other ethnic groups include Mixed (5.8%), Other Ethnic Group (5.5%), and Chinese (3.8%).

The largest religious group in Lewisham is Christianity (43.6%), followed by Islam (13.6%), and No Religion (13.1%). Other religions include Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, and Buddhism.

The majority of households in Lewisham are rented (53.2%), with 27.4% being rented from the council or a housing association. Owner-occupied households make up 35.5% of households.

The median household income in Lewisham is £38,200, which is lower than the average for London (£44,200) and for England and Wales (£29,900). However, the borough also has a higher proportion of households in the highest income bracket (earning £60,000 or more) than the average for London and England and Wales.

Lewisham has a relatively young population, with a high proportion of children and young people. The borough has a higher proportion of residents with no qualifications (9.9%) compared to the average for London (6.7%) and for England and Wales (8.6%). However, the borough also has a higher proportion of residents with a degree or higher (42.6%) than the average for London (38.6%) and for England and Wales (29.3%).

Overall, Lewisham is a diverse and relatively young borough, with a mix of ethnic groups and a high proportion of renters.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

There are several schools and educational institutions located near 21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF, providing a range of options for families with children.

Primary schools:

Brindishe Lee Primary School: Brindishe Lee is a popular primary school located in the nearby area of Lewisham. The school has a strong reputation and has been rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted. It provides education for children aged 3-11 years.

St. Margaret's Lee CofE Primary School: St. Margaret's Lee is another popular primary school located nearby, in the Lee area. The school has been rated "Good" by Ofsted and provides education for children aged 4-11 years.

Secondary schools:

Prendergast School: Prendergast School is a popular secondary school located in nearby Hilly Fields. The school has been rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted and provides education for children aged 11-16 years.

St. Matthew Academy: St. Matthew Academy is a co-educational Roman Catholic school located in the nearby area of Blackheath. The school has been rated "Good" by Ofsted and provides education for children aged 11-18 years.

Further education:

Lewisham College: Lewisham College is a further education institution located nearby in Lewisham. The college provides a range of vocational and academic courses for students aged 16 years and over.

Overall, there are several good schools and educational institutions located near 21 Jevington Way, providing a range of options for families with children.

Lewisham also has several special schools that cater to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including Brent Knoll School, The Bridge School, Drumbeat School and ASD Service, Rushey Green Primary School, and Tidemill Academy.

SPORT AND LEISURE

There are several sports and leisure facilities located near 21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF, providing a range of options for those looking to stay active and participate in recreational activities.

Parks and green spaces:

Manor Park: Manor Park is a large park located nearby in Lee, offering a range of facilities including a children's playground, tennis courts, a basketball court, and a football pitch.

Chinbrook Meadows: Chinbrook Meadows is a large park located in Grove Park, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation.

Sports facilities:

The Bridge Leisure Centre: The Bridge Leisure Centre is a local sports centre located nearby in Lower Sydenham. The centre provides facilities for a range of sports including swimming, fitness, and racquet sports.

Lee Valley Athletics Centre: Lee Valley Athletics Centre is a larger sports complex located in nearby Enfield. The centre provides facilities for athletics, ice skating, and other sports.

Gyms:

PureGym: PureGym is a budget gym chain with a branch located nearby in Lewisham.

The Gym: The Gym is another budget gym chain with a branch located nearby in Lewisham.

Overall, there are several sports and leisure facilities located near 21 Jevington Way, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, sports, and fitness activities.

CULTURE

The area provides a range of options for those interested in arts and cultural activities.

Museums and galleries:

Horniman Museum and Gardens: The Horniman Museum and Gardens is a popular museum located nearby in Forest Hill. The museum features exhibits on natural history, anthropology, and musical instruments, and the gardens feature a range of plants and animals.

Lewisham Arthouse: Lewisham Arthouse is an artist-led cooperative located nearby in Lewisham. The arthouse provides studio spaces for local artists and hosts exhibitions and events throughout the year.

Theatres and cinemas:

The Albany: The Albany is a performing arts centre located nearby in Deptford. The centre hosts a range of theatre, music, dance, and comedy events throughout the year.

Greenwich Picturehouse: Greenwich Picturehouse is a cinema located nearby in Greenwich. The cinema screens a range of independent, classic, and mainstream films.

Festivals and events:

Lewisham People's Day: Lewisham People's Day is an annual festival held in nearby Mountsfield Park. The festival features music, dance, food, and a range of family-friendly activities.

Greenwich and Docklands International Festival: The Greenwich and Docklands International Festival is an annual festival held in nearby Greenwich. The festival features a range of outdoor performances, including theatre, dance, and music.

Overall, there are several cultural institutions and events in this area, providing a range of options for those interested in the arts and cultural activities.

GREEN SPACE

There are several green spaces near 21 Jevington Way, Lee SE12 9NF, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation.

Manor Park: Manor Park is a large park located nearby in Lee, offering a range of facilities including a children's playground, tennis courts, a basketball court, and a football pitch.

Hither Green Cemetery: Hither Green Cemetery is a large green space located nearby, providing opportunities for walking and nature-watching.

Chinbrook Meadows: Chinbrook Meadows is a large park located in Grove Park, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation.

Beckenham Place Park: Beckenham Place Park is a large park located nearby in Beckenham. The park features a golf course, a lake, and a range of sports facilities.

Blackheath Common: Blackheath Common is a large open space located nearby in Blackheath. The common features several ponds and is a popular spot for picnics and outdoor events.

Overall, there are several green spaces located near 21 Jevington Way, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation.

Population growth was higher in Lewisham than across London

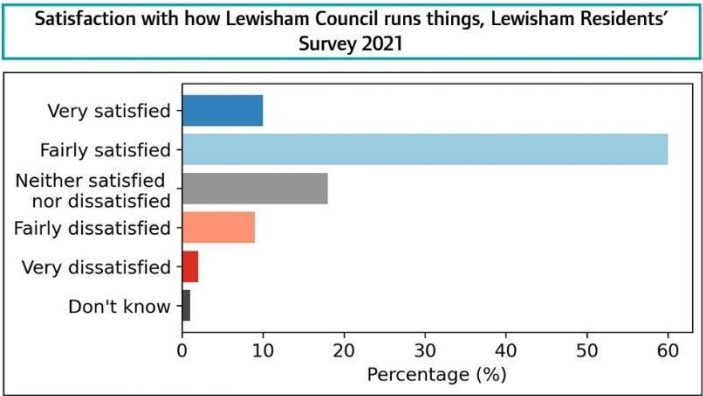
Percentage population change, Lewisham and surrounding areas, 2011 Census to Census 2021

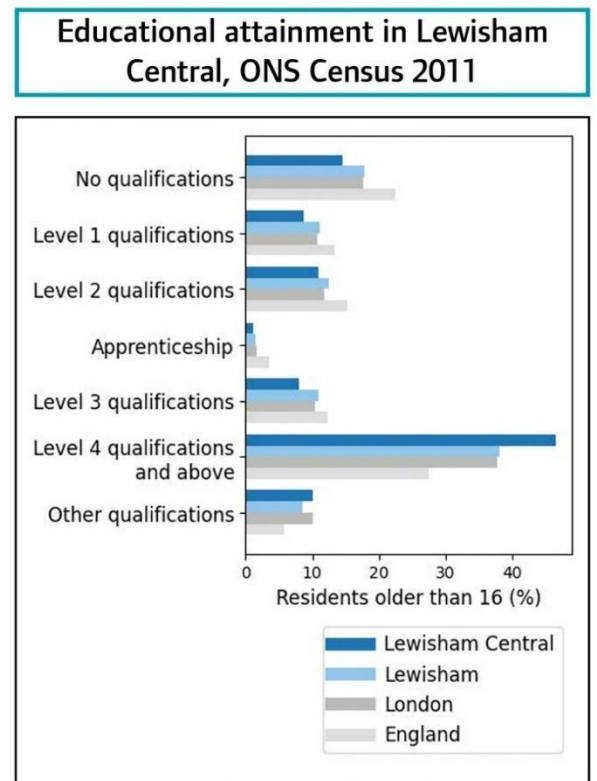
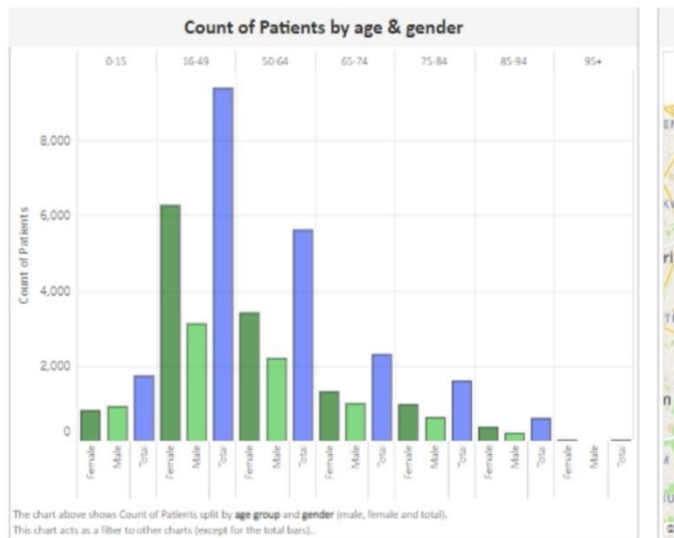
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Lewisham ▲8.9%



Satisfaction with the Council

Over two thirds (69%) of residents are satisfied with the way Lewisham Council runs things, whilst around 11% are dissatisfied. Satisfaction in Lewisham is significantly higher when compared with LGA October 2021 National data (56%; 13 percentage points).



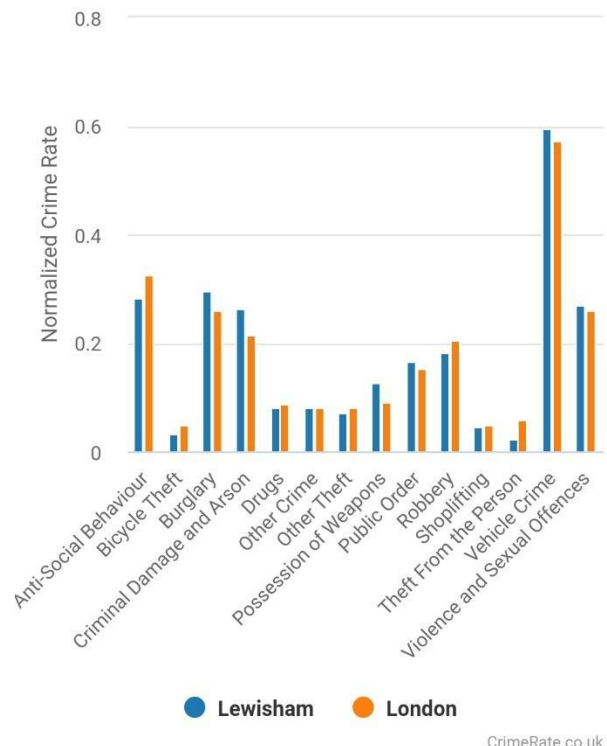


Historical Crime Rates for Lewisham

Year ^v	Crime Rate per 1,000 people ^v	Total Crimes ^v
2021	85	26,128
2020	88	26,978
2019	91	27,764
2018	85	25,926
2017	80	24,345
2016	79	24,086

Crime in Lewisham Compared To London

Source: <https://crimerate.co.uk/london/lewisham>



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