

Freedom of Information Request

I am writing to request information regarding your provision of Return Home Interviews and post-missing support services for children who have been reported missing.

1) Which agencies currently deliver Return Home Interviews (RHIs) to children who have been missing from home or care in your local authority area by:

a) A team based in your authority (Yes or No) Yes

- **If yes: which team and/or what is the role of the professional delivering RHIs**
 - o Child's Social Worker or CSE Senior Practitioner if young person is known to Social Services. Police for young people not known to Social Services

b) A third sector agency? (Yes or No) No

- **If yes, please tell us which agency?**
- **What is the total current value of the contract?**
- **What is the contract length?**
- **When does the current contract end?**
- **Other (Yes or No) If yes, please tell us which team/ organisation and/or the role of the professional N/A**
- **What is the total current value of the contract? N/A**
- **What is the contract length? N/A**
- **When does the current contract end? N/A**

2) In addition to your return home interview service, do you provide post-missing support to children who have been missing from home or care in your local authority area? Post-missing support is often intensive, 121 support with a support worker which is used to further address and reduce the risks surrounding the missing child. This could include advocacy, safety planning and other emotional/practical support sessions. (Yes or No) YES

Young people and families already known to Social Services will have an allocated Social Worker who will provide appropriate support based on the assessment of need.

Young people who have been missing 3 times will be referred to Social Services and an allocated Social Worker will undertake an Initial assessment to determine the level of support required.

3) If yes to question 2, who is your post-missing service in your local authority area delivered by?

a) A team based in your authority (Yes or No)

- **If yes, please specify which team and/or what is the role of the professional delivering post-missing support As above**

- b) **A third sector agency? (Yes or No)** No
- **If yes, please tell us which agency?**
 - **What is the total current value of the contract?**
 - **What is the contract length?**
 - **When does the current contract end?**
- c) **Other (Yes or No)** No
- **If yes, please tell us which team/ organisation and/or the role of the professional**
 - **What is the total current value of the contract?**
 - **What is the contract length?**
 - **When does the current contract end?**
- 4) **How are Return Home Interviews (RHI's) and/or your post missing support service delivered in your local authority area?**
- a) **All face-to-face support (Yes)** Unless there is an issue of Covid then it would be telephone or digital
 - b) **All telephone support (Yes or No)**
 - c) **All digital support e.g. via teams, FaceTime, WhatsApp video (Yes or No)**
 - d) **A combination of face-to-face and telephone support (Yes or No)**
 - e) **A combination of telephone and digital support (Yes or No)**
 - f) **A combination of face-to-face, telephone and digital support (Yes or No)**
 - g) **Other (please specify):**
- 5) **Does your Return Home Interview or post-missing service offer children and young people access to a freephone telephone number for out of hours support? (Yes or No)**
- No
- 6) **If yes, who provides this freephone service?**