

## **Response to Request for Information**

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## Children Missing from Home or Care

## Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act on how your council authority has recorded and supported children under 18 years-old who run away from home or care.

- 1) Do you offer children who run away or go missing a return home interview after each episode of running away? Yes.
  - a. Are these provided to all children missing from home or those who meet a set criteria? All children.
- 2) Do you offer children who run away from care a return home interview after each episode of running away? Yes.
  - a. Are these provided to all children missing from care or those who meet a set criteria? All children.
- 3) In 2016 and 2015, (two separate answers please) how many children ran away:
  - a. From care?
  - b. From home?

Number of Children that went missing (financial year):

		2015	2016
Children that	Care	54 (27F, 27M)	44 (21F, 23M)
went missing	Home	71 (40F, 31M)	104 (56F, 48M)
Completed	Care	42	41
Interviews	Home	55	95
Completed in	Care	29	30
72 hrs	Home	41	76

- 4) Of those children who ran away in the years above:
  - a) how many were male? As per question 3
  - b) how many were female? As per question 3
- 5) Of those children reported missing after running away from home in 2015, how many had a return home interview? As per question 3
- 6) Of those children reported missing in 2016 how many had a return home interview? As per question 3

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- 7) Of those who had a return home interview, how many were carried out within the 72 hour time frame? As per question 3
- 8) Do you have a named senior children's service manager responsible for monitoring policies and performance relating to children who go missing from home or care? Yes.