

Missing

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Missing Statistical Data for LAC Children/ Young People

Derby City LAC (Residential/ Foster/ Placed OOA/Semi independence and Unregulated placements)				
	January – March 2021	April – June 2021	July – September 2021	October – December 2021
Number of individuals going missing at least once	30	37	39	36
Number of missing episodes	139	185	177	133
Return Interviews completed %	129	184	160	110
Return Interviews Voided	7	1	8	9
Statutory Timescales Met of those completed	106	147	123	87

What do we know?

Associations



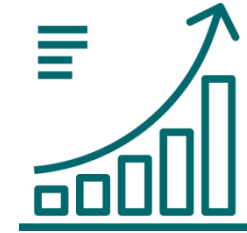
- Many LAC when missing are with family.
- LAC children go missing together
- Return often on their own accord or will phone requesting a lift via the home or the police.

Locations



- Often found at LAC semi-independent living addresses.
- With family .
- Few reports of house parties.
- Key areas within Derby are:
 - Bus Station
 - River Gardens
 - Mackworth and Morley Area
 - Stockbrook Area

Movement



- By foot – often remain local
- By Bike
- By Taxi's



What Has Been Learnt from Audits and Mocksted KLOE's

Return Interview Audits and Mockstead Findings on Missing



- The return interview audit demonstrated an overall an improvement on the quality of return interviews.
- Key Strengths identified were:
 1. Appropriateness of contact
 2. Appropriateness of CRE Checklist and Analysis
 3. Professional Analysis and Judgement

Mockstead Findings highlighted key strengths:

- The quality of Return Interviews had improved with the form being on the system.
- Workers demonstrated a better understanding of risks associated with a young person going missing.



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Definition of Missing

Felt that the definition of missing used was appropriate and they understood why young people would be reported as missing and they thought it was the right thing to do.



Language

Language used to discuss missing was deemed not a barrier between work and young person regarding engagement of return interview. Often they didn't see their social worker as the person they would confide in.



Resources

Key resources such as missing leaflets and direct work and tool kits have been shared – awaiting feedback on if these could be improved and what they would like.



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Moving Forward



Training and Development

A deeper audit on missing rather than only undertaking the quality of return interviews.

To consider a development session with CIC staff and partner agencies around our overall approach to missing and this will include return interviews. This will take into account feedback received from the CIC council.



Collate the Feedback from CIC Council

Make any appropriate changes to our resources following the CIC council feedback on documents.



Completing Return Interviews within Statutory Timeframes

This remains a priority.