

Children and Young People Missing from Care

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A report was presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee in July 2016 that provided an overview of progress in relation to practice pertaining to children and young people who go missing.
- 1.2 The plan to reduce the incidences of children and young people going missing has been in place since May 2015 and was updated in June 2016 on the back of the annual report on missing children and young people for 2015-16. A presentation will be given to the Board as an update of progress over quarter 1 of 2016-17.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note progress over quarter 1 relating to children and young people who go missing

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure Corporate Parenting Committee are kept abreast of the progress being made quarter by quarter in relation to missing practice and are also informed about the progress of the improvement plan over the year and the impact that this is having.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 A presentation will be given to the Board.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Do nothing. However, previous arrangements that were in place were not considered robust enough for the local authority to be confident that children and young people were being adequately safeguarded.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	Maureen Darbon
Other(s)	

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Background papers:	None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There are no financial implications brought about by the findings contained within the annual missing report.

Legal

- 2.1 The Local Authority has a responsibility to protect children from significant harm (CA 1989) and to provide services to children who are considered to be vulnerable including children who go missing.

Personnel

- 3.1 There are no personnel implications brought about by the findings from the annual missing report.

IT

- 4.1 A missing person email address has been set up for all out of authority providers, including foster carers, to use to report missing children. This automatically sends alerts to social workers, IROs and the new apprentice for missing children.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Children missing from home and care are often multiply disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 There are significant health and safety risks brought about by the content of the annual report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 9.1 There are both risks to the children themselves and risks for the Council of not properly monitoring and assisting this group of significantly vulnerable children.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Links to the Corporate plan are through protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people and making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.