

Action Plan - NI71 Children missing from home and Care

MISSING FROM HOME MISSING FROM CARE

Task no.	Criteria	Tasks to reach level 3	Actions	Action Start Date	Action by
1	Local information about running is gathered	Aggregate data about the profile of running in the area is collated between police, children's service and other partner agencies	- Report to LSCB QA sub-group quarterly - Meeting to be set up with all private care providers in Haringey to ensure they are aware of the guidance and are following it	Sept 09 onwards Nov 09	CYPS & Police Missing Persons Unit Roy Choudhury
		From data gathered LSCB to be able to identify: - incidences of running; - individuals who have run; - individuals who have run on 2 or more occasions; - incidents that have generated a case conference; or professionals meeting. This information can be broken down by the child's age, gender and ethnicity, whether child is running from home or care, and - in the case of children running from care - whether the child is in an out of area placement	- Data from social care to be reported to LSCB QA sub-group quarterly - Work with police missing persons unit to gather data from them on a regular basis to feed into QA sub-group - Liaison between LSCBs on action to take regarding children in our area who originate from other LAs To be discussed at LSCB QA sub-group	Sept 09 onwards for discussion at October LSCB SUB GROUP	Performance manager - Christine Jorge CYPS/Police Missing Persons Unit/LCSB
		LSCB to be able to identify: - children's homes that have particularly high levels of 'missing' reports in relation to other homes in the area; - areas where missing young people or runaways are frequently located; - the proportion of young people who are hurt or harmed whilst they are away; and - the proportion of young people who have committed an offence whilst they are away	- LSCB QA sub-group to agree on appropriate action where regular locations are frequently identified (e.g. derelict properties) - Police and ASBT to advise CYPS on where runaways gather - Discuss at LSCB QA sub-group how this information can be shared with ASBT - Evaluation of guidance to Children's Homes on reporting missing children to police and possibly use 3 stage approach to assess levels of concern	Sept 09 onwards for discussion Aug/Sep 09	LSCB QA sub-group, CYPS & Police Missing Persons Unit Police Missing Persons Unit, Anti-Social Behaviour Team CYPS/Police
2	Local needs analysis-based information gathered about levels of causes of running are in place	Procedure is in place for the collecting and sharing of data collected by the police, children's service and other partners	- Send updated guidance on children who go missing from care/home to all schools in Haringey so they are aware of their responsibility to inform police if parents are unwilling to do so - List of designated teachers to be made available.	Oct 09 Oct 09	Terry O'Reirdan Terry O'Reirdan
		Data is frequently analysed and reviewed by the LSCB and is used to inform a proactive response to running and patterns of running in the local area.	- Put procedure in place for giving individual homes feedback on their performance around children who go missing - A CAF will be completed for any child who goes missing on 2 or more occasions. - If child already in care, a planning meeting should be held to review care plan and placement issues	01/11/2009 Sep/Oct 09 Oct onwards	Roy Choudhury Jan Doust C&f

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3	Local procedures to meet the needs of runaways agreed	Where there are multiple incidents of running involving a young person, an action plan to bring about behaviour change is put in place and implemented and is regularly reviewed for its effectiveness	- Action Plan to be written and disseminated - this will be managed within a core group of professionals working with children e.g. Strategy Discussion or care review for CIC; Core Group or CP Plan update for children subject to a CP Plan; CAF, Core Assessment or CYP Plan for all other children. (Track through LSCB Audits - discuss)	Discuss at QA Sub Group October	CYPS/Police/CAF Panel
		In cases where the area has a child running from an out of authority placement, the area (as home authority) calls a professionals meeting involving the relevant organisations from the host authority, to determine action, and to ensure change.	- When Haringey is informed about a child coming into care in our area details of whether the child has a history of running away and an assessment of risk to be obtained - a standard pro-forma to be agreed. - Agree who will attend professionals meetings - To be picked up in PAN London Children in Care meetings - When children are newly placed in Haringey, Education Welfare Service to be notified if they do not have a school place	Dec 09 Dec 09 Dec 09 onwards Dec 09 onwards	LSCB/Roy Choudhury
		When a child who has a history of running is put in an out of authority placement, the host authority is informed of the risk, and as part of the placement agreement, appropriate details are shared to support the home authority to manage that risk and inform care planning for the individual child.	- When children from Haringey go to an out of authority placement, a letter should be sent to the relevant LA to advise them of any history of running and an assessment of risk - a standard pro-forma to be agreed. - To be picked up in PAN London Children in Care meetings (LSCB QA sub-group to advise)	Dec 09	LSCB/Roy Choudhury
		Where the young person has run from local authority care, this information is shared with the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)	- Children in Care Review exemplars need to include a question about whether the child has gone missing and the number of occasions - CIC Reviews to discuss action planning for children who run away from care and agree the action plan		Perminder Chahal/Denise Sourris IROs

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4	Protocols for responding to urgent/out of hours referrals from the police or other agencies are in place	Multi-agency protocols for out-of-hours referrals are in place. These protocols include a system for monitoring whether each out-of-hours referral is handled in line with protocols, and a way of ensuring that remedial action is instituted following the identification that the protocols have not been followed	- To be included in the review of the EDT Project outline		Rachel Oakley
5	Local procedures to support effective prevention and early intervention work	A service in place that facilitates prevention of running - working with those young people identified as at risk of running, but who have not yet run, to prevent the continuation and escalation of running behaviour. This draws on local voluntary sector expertise	- Identify how this can be achieved through the CAF process - Seek advice from local 'experts' (Youth Council, School Councils, Open Door, etc) - Police and PCSOs to regularly meet with Haringey Children's Homes' staff and residents	Sep 09 Oct 09 Oct 09	- Jan Doust - Jennifer James, Mike Davies, Anna Beaumont, Micheal Welton, Open Door Borough Commander
		Service is well-publicised, known, and available to all those working with young people	- Ensure service is appropriately publicised through Young Runaways, Barnardos Sexual Exploitation Programme, EWS, Youth Space, schools' Peer mentors, TFL, etc	Dec-09	CYPS/LSCB
		Prevention and early-intervention service is reviewed, and effectiveness evaluated every year, gaps identified, and plans made to fill any gaps	- To be reviewed through LSCB QA sub-group	Mar-10	CYPS/LSCB