

## Haringey Missing Young People Action Group – Strategy / Action Plan 2011 - 2013

<b>1. Early identification of Children and Young People at Risk of Running Away</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Current position</b>
a) Ensure local preventative strategies in relation to running away are implemented and reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Early identification of young people at risk of running away</li> <li>ii. Incentives for young people in residential homes and fostering to reward positive behaviour and discourage running away</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Wendy Tomlinson and Chris Chalmers (and Perminder Chahal)</li> <li>ii. Cleopatra Showers, Neil Harriott and Janice Darling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ongoing (likely to be done by end June as part of CiC Review)</li> <li>ii. By 30-4-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Young people are identified at the stage that they are placed. Providers are asked to state how they will manage this before placement is made. CiC Managers promote best practice to staff including (eg) photographs on file and friends details on file. CiC review documentation will include explicit questions about risk of running away and relevant actions for each child</li> <li>ii. Current position is that the homes and carers have means by which they engage young people and encourage them not to run away. The managers responsible for these services will update on the detail. Once this is done, we will</li> </ul>

				expand that conversation to other providers.
b) To improve management and monitoring of instances of young people missing from home or care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Adhere to Pan London Missing from Home and Care Procedures.</li> <li>iv. Update Haringey LSCB procedures and ensure that these expand upon the PLMHC procedures and highlight responsibilities in risk assessing the difference between 'Missing' and 'Unauthorised Absence'.</li> <li>v. Ensure Children's Home Guidance is in line with locally agreed practice and procedures and updated according to new National Minimum standards due in April 2011.</li> <li>vi. Analyse data regarding missing incidents from Haringey residential homes and foster placements</li> <li>vii. Analyse data from children missing from home</li> <li>viii. Analyse data from children missing from other P&amp;V care homes in the borough</li> <li>ix. Ensure missing from care episodes are correctly recorded on individual case records and care plans revised as necessary</li> <li>x. Ensure care plan includes strategy to minimise running away for those who are repeatedly running away. Placement Information record (PIR) should also be completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Wendy Tomlinson</li> <li>iv. Wendy Tomlinson / all providers.</li> <li>v. Neil Harriott / Cleopatra Showers</li> <li>vi. Wendy Tomlinson (Cleopatra Showers / Neil Harriott) and Met Police Missing Persons Unit</li> <li>vii. TBC by Action Group</li> <li>viii. Rosemary Mate / Wendy Tomlinson and Met Police Missing Persons Unit</li> <li>ix. Chris Chalmers</li> <li>x. Chris Chalmers</li> <li>xi. Chris Chalmers</li> <li>xii. Met Police Missing Persons Unit / CYPS Admin Team and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Completed October 2010.</li> <li>iv. In progress</li> <li>v. By 30-4-11</li> <li>vi. This is reported on monthly</li> <li>vii. TBC by Action Group</li> <li>viii. This is reported on monthly but needs to be done in a more streamlined way.</li> <li>ix. June 2011</li> <li>x. June 2011</li> <li>xi. Ongoing but data review and CiC review will help us</li> <li>xii. Update to letter written in early 2010 – to be sent by end April 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. All providers of Children's Homes within Haringey have stated their current and ongoing commitment to working within the Pan London Procedures. Practice is discussed at 'Missing from Care' meetings with providers. Once these have also been set up with Fostering Providers, we will amalgamate the two.</li> <li>iv. In progress</li> <li>v. Guidance was issued in March 2011 and work is in progress.</li> <li>vi. Monthly report has resulted thus far in helping us (for example) make links that tell us that individuals and groups of individuals are at risk of sexual exploitation. Most outcomes are individualised due to</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xi. Multi-agency risk management meeting should take place for those who persistently go missing.</li> <li>xii. Contact with LSCBs responsible for children in care who are placed in Haringey by other Local Authorities.</li> </ul>	Performance Management Team.		<p>numbers involved. However, patterns by placement are rare and are usually noticed via vigilant staff rather than data management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vii. This data will tell us whether our plan (in place June 2010) to ensure that CAF is considered for every child returned after missing from home, is happening. This will be individualised data.</li> <li>viii. On agenda for Action Group.</li> <li>ix. This is done as a matter of course but needs to be streamlined to ensure that every strategy meeting is timely. The deadline refers to the CiC Review.</li> <li>x. As ix</li> <li>xi. As ix</li> <li>xii. CYPS are routinely informed about young people placed in out borough.</li> </ul>
c) Ensure submission of data regarding	<p>Provide analysis reports to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xiii. LSCB QA sub-group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Wendy Tomlinson and ? TBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xiii. Ongoing</li> <li>xiv. Autumn 2011</li> <li>xv. Autumn 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xiii.</li> <li>xiv.</li> <li>xv.</li> </ul>

children missing from home and care	<p>xiv. Council members via CPAC</p> <p>xv. Ofsted Inspectors</p> <p>Data analysis will identify specific areas of need</p>	<p>confirmed at Action group in early May.</p> <p>ii. Wendy Tomlinson / Debbie Haith</p> <p>iii. Wendy Tomlinson / Debbie Haith</p>		
d) To provide information and support for teachers and schools regarding children running away	<p>xvi. All schools staff to be aware of the Pan London Procedures.</p> <p>xvii. Also linked will be the supplementary procedures on sexual exploitation</p>	<p>iv. TBC at Action Group in early May</p> <p>v. Sarah Peel</p>	<p>xvi. Ongoing</p> <p>xvii. June 2011</p>	<p>xvi. This work was done as part of the second point in the last Action Plan. The purpose of it in this plan is simply to revisit to ensure that awareness stays 'live'</p> <p>xvii. London Safeguarding Children Board supplementary procedures on children missing from education; children missing from home and care – all on <a href="http://www.londonscb.gov.uk">www.londonscb.gov.uk</a></p> <p>xviii.</p>
e) Consultation with young people about running away	<p>xviii. Consulting with children and young people to inform and enhance data and outcomes</p>	<p>Jennifer James / Chris Chalmers</p>	<p>xviii. Autumn 2011</p>	<p>xix.</p>
<b>2. Support for children and young people who run away</b>				

a) To develop family based emergency accommodation options	i. To ensure foster-carer placements are available as emergency accommodation for runaways	i. Wendy Tomlinson	i. Ongoing	i. The EDT have a list of available Foster Carers and Residential Providers on any given out of hours duty. For 13-17 year olds, we typically use our internal homes first, hence the focus on them first in this plan. All Foster carers have some out of hours support aside from EDT.
b) To promote Telephone Help Lines for children who have run away or are thinking about running away	ii.			
<b>3. Support for children, young people and their families post running away</b>				
a) To undertake return home / safe and well interviews	i. Runaways should receive timely and sensitive interviews when they return home / to care, to identify any longer term needs ii. Consideration to be given to return interviews being undertaken by an independent person iii. A child or young person who is identified as at risk of significant harm on return to home is to be referred to First Response	Wendy Tomlinson / Chris Chalmers / Care Home managers Chris Chalmers / Jennifer James	Ongoing	i. This work is currently done as a matter of routine in the residential placements ii. As a first point, this will be discussed with young people to explore whether it is considered useful.

				iii. Significant work was done in the last action plan to make sure that this happens. It is revisited here to ensure that awareness continues.
b) To improve support to parents / carers of children who run away	iv. Help Lines, consultation			iv.
<b>4. Communication, Training and Practice Guidance for Haringey Agencies</b>				
a) To ensure Local Agencies share information about runaways	i. Ensure a common approach is taken by all agencies when reporting runaways to Children Social Care Services	i. Wendy Tomlinson / Marion Wheeler / Debbie Haith	i. Ongoing	i. This is the purpose of the missing from Care Meetings that are described in 1b iii. It will culminate in a LSCB conference on the subject.
b) Training for all relevant staff regarding runaways	ii. Provide multi-agency awareness-raising sessions regarding runaways, including to children's care home staff and foster carers iii. Partner agencies to ensure relevant staff are trained in relation to addressing the needs of runaways	ii. Wendy Tomlinson / Rosemary Mate / Janice Darling / Neil Harriott / Cleopatra Showers / Chris Chalmers iii. LSCB subgroup.	ii. Ongoing iii.	ii. These are a function of the meetings mentioned in 1b iii. iii.