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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information about Missing Children, which the Council received on 24 December 2012. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information;

1. *In your local authority in the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 were return interviews offered after each running away/missing episode to:*
  - a. *children who ran away/went missing from home*
  - b. *children who ran away/went missing from care*

Of the 28 children aged 11 or under who went missing:

15 return home interviews were offered.

7 were not completed due to the Multi Disciplinary Teams taking on the return home interviews for 11 years and under, however, these 7 cases were discussed at the MultiAgency Steering Panel.

2 missing information was not available

1 was placed out of city and discussed at the Multi-Agency Steering Group.

3 missing incidents were investigated by Social Care.

Children aged 12+ - return home interviews were offered to children after each running away/missing episode to children in the local authority during the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

2. *In your local authority in the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 how many return interviews were conducted with:*

- a) *children who ran away/went missing from home*
- b) *children who ran away/went missing from care*

The total number of return home interviews conducted from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 is 145.

3. *In your local area in the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012 were return interviews offered after each running away/missing episode to:*

- a) *children who ran away/went missing from home*
- b) *children who ran away/went missing from care*

Of the 23 Children aged 11 or under who went missing:

18 return home interviews were completed.

2 were babies and discussed at the Multi-Agency Steering Panel

2 were placed out of city and discussed at the Multi-Agency Steering Panel

1 missing incident was investigated by Social Care.

Children aged 12+ - return home interviews were offered to children after each running away/missing episode to children in the local authority during the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

4. *In your local authority in the period from 1 April 2012 to 1 December 2012 how many return interviews were conducted with:*

- a) *children who ran away/went missing from home*
- b) *children who ran away/went missing from care*

The total number of return home interviews conducted from 1 April 2012 to 1 December 2012 is 288.

5. *In the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 were return interviews with children who ran away/went missing conducted by:*

- a) *children's services*
- b) *specialist independent person/ project*
- c) *other (please provide details)*

In the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 return interviews with children who ran away/went missing were conducted by Children's Services.

6. *In the period from 1 April 2012 to 1 December 2012 were return interviews with children who ran away/went missing conducted by:*

- a) *children's services*
- b) *specialist independent person/ project*
- c) *other (please provide details)*

In the period from 1 April 2012 to 1 December 2012 return interviews with children who ran away/went missing were conducted by Children's Services.

7. *If return interviews in your local authority in the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 were conducted by an independent service what was the name and address of the service?*

Return interviews were conducted by Children's Services.

8. *If return interviews in your local authority in the period from 1 April 2012 to 1 December 2012 were conducted by an independent service what was the name and address of the service?*

Return interviews were conducted by Children's Services.

9. *Is an assessment of need a standard part of a return interview in your local area?*

An assessment of need is a standard part of a return interview.

10. *What is the standard format for the assessment of need done as part of return interviews with young runaways/children who go missing?*

The standard format for the assessment of need carried out as part of return interviews with young runaways/children who go missing is in the form of a Return Home Interview Questionnaire. This is completed by the interviewer which may be followed up by the Common Assessment Framework or a social care assessment.

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