# Instruction on reporting missing Unaccompanied Child

Dear Local Authority Colleagues

A vital part of the National Transfer Scheme is to ensure that the details of those young people who are part of the scheme and have gone missing are shared with relevant parties responsible for their safeguarding and welfare.  The procedure for this is to ensure that you complete Part (E) for of the Unique Unaccompanied Child Record and return this document to the National Transfer Team at [UASCCentralAdmin@Homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:UASCCentralAdmin@Homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).

 In cases where the child is not part of the National Transfer Scheme it is the responsibility of the local authority, in accordance with their own procedures, to conduct any enquiries necessary to locate the child or vulnerable adult, and report the person as missing to the local police. As part of this process is it necessary for the local authority to also notify the Home Office Evidence and Enquiry Unit when a child or vulnerable adult in their care goes missing, or when a missing child or vulnerable adult returns or is found.

 The Home Office Evidence and Enquiry Unit can be contacted by Local authorities (not for general public) on:

 Email: [evidenceandenquiry@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:evidenceandenquiry@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

Telephone: 020 8196 0280 (only to be used in emergencies or if IT systems down)

 Further information about this can be found at [Identifying people at risk](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/537709/Identifying-people-at-risk-v1.0.pdf), the relevant section is page 24 ‘Child or vulnerable adult accommodated by the local authority or in hospital’.

 If the LA are caring for a child who has claimed Asylum they will still also need to contact the relevant Asylum casework safeguarding team; the relevant regional contact details can be found below.

 If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the [National Transfer Team](mailto:UASCCentralAdmin@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or a member of the Asylum Casework Hub using the details on the table below:

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Kind regards

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