**MISSING CHILD: RETURN INTERVIEW**

**This form is to be used for children who go missing from home or care.**

The return interview should be completed in addition to the Police Safe and Well Check.

Please complete this form as fully as possible:

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| Date and time of return interview (RI): |  |
| Name of person conducting return interview: |  |
| Job title of person conducting RI: |  |
| Contact telephone number: |  |

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| ***Child’s Name:*** |  | ***ID Number:*** |  |
|  |  | ***NHS Number*** |  |
| ***Tel:*** |  |  |  |
| ***DOB:*** |  | ***Gender:*** |  |
| ***Ethnicity:*** |  | ***School/Education setting:*** |  |
| ***Contact details:*** | ***Worker:*** |   |

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| Date of contact | Response | Outcome |
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| **This section should be completed prior to the Return Interview, and form part of the briefing by the manager to the Return Interviewer** |
| Date and time young person reported as missing: | Date and time young person reported as found: |
| Where was the young person found? |  |
| Was the young person missing from home or care? | Home Gateshead LAC OLA LAC  |
| If care, Residential or Foster placement?Also consider Private Fostering, which may need to be discussed as part of the interview with the young person. | Residential Foster Private FosterOther Please specify ……………………….. |
| How was the child or young person returned? | Returned of own accord Other, please stateReturned by Police …………………………………… |

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| Details of Missing Episode. Narrative from ‘missing’ from – include details about any previous missing episodes (if known) and any information received from others (parents, carers, other professionals) |
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| **Following the interview, please indicate whether in your professional judgement, you feel the young person may be vulnerable to one or more of the following:** |
| Sexual Exploitation |  | Risky Sexual behaviour |  |
| Self-Harm |  | Misuse of substances |  |
| Offending behaviour |  | Trafficking/Modern Slavery |  |
| Sexual exploitation |  | Criminal exploitation  |  |
| Other, Please state: |

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| **Exploring purpose of interview with young person:** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Does the young person understand the purpose of the interview? |  |  |
| Have the limits to confidentiality and safeguarding policy been explained to and understood by the young person? |  |  |
| NB: do not promise confidentiality, this information may be shared with key agencies, and added to the young person’s file. If safeguarding issues are identified a referral may be made to appropriate agency. |

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| **Reasons identified by the young person for going missing or running away:** |
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| **What were the Push and Pull factors which led to the Young Person running away?** |
| **Push factors:** | **Pull Factors:** |
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| **Events during missing episodes – what was happening?**  |
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| **Can the young person identify the most prominent reason why they went missing?**  |
| **Reason** | **Comments** |
| Bullying |  |
| Problems at home |  |
| Substance misuse |  |
| Seeking contact with family or friends |  |
| Avoiding contact with family or friends |  |
| Avoiding an abusive situation |  |
| Felt pressured or coerced |  |
| Involved in offending behaviour |  |
| Asylum seeker avoiding deportation |  |
| Other reason |  |
| Reason unknown |  |

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| **Contact during missing episodes – who were they with?** |
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| **How did the young person feel?** |
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| **What’s next?** |
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| **Comments and feedback from the young person:** |
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| **Comments and feedback from parent/carer:** |
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| **High Risk Categories** |
| Missing Overnight/24 hours: |  | Domestic abuse |  |
| Repeat missing episode |  | Harmed or Injured whilst missing |  |
| Emotional Wellbeing Concerns: |  | Alcohol/Substance Misuse |  |
| Criminal exploitation: |  | Sexual exploitation |  |
| Trafficking: |  |  |  |

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| **High Risk peer/adult associates identified:** |  |
| **High Risk areas/places visited identified:** |  |

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| **Safety Plan** |
| **What action is to be taken to address and support the young person’s needs and keep them safe?**  |
| **Action** | **Agency** | **Due date** |
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| ***Has Social Worker been notified about the Return Interview:*** |  |
| ***Has Team Manager been notified about the Return Interview:*** |  |
| ***Has the Return Interview been sent to the Police:*** |  |
| ***Date sent to police:*** |  |
| ***Has the Return Interview been sent to relevant Local Authority (if applicable):***  |  |