

Agenda for “Missing” Strategy/ Multi Agency Meetings

Attendance Missing Strategy Meeting/ Multy Agency Meetings: if the child is open to CSC, the meeting will be chaired by the relevant Team Manager responsible for the case, or in circumstances where the risk is high, or there is media interest, by the relevant Deputy Head of Service. If the case is not open to social care, the meeting will be chaired by the Team Manager of the Assessment Team on duty. The meeting will be attended by:

- Allocated Social Worker if an open case
- Early Help Worker, if relevant
- Police Missing Persons Officer
- Relevant workers/ agencies working with the child and family, including school, education and voluntary sector professionals
- Relevant Health Practitioners from a range of health providers, including school nurses, Community Sexual Health Clinics and CAMHS should be considered
- Police CSE Lead attached to MASH if CSE has been identified as a risk and it is determined appropriate for them to attend
- Parents/ carers where appropriate

1. Information on child and family and presenting risks, including history of missing episodes and background of child;

2. Plans to locate/ recover the child, including as appropriate:

- a. Visits to known address;
- b. Contacting family/ friends, parents and professionals;
- c. Police- tracing of phone, social networking sites and oyster card;
- d. Use of the media to publicise details of the case;
- e. Application of recovery orders and serving of abduction orders;
- f. Notifications to local authorities, hospitals, ports, airports.

3. Consideration of additional risk factors

- a. Any risk of sexual exploitation
- b. Is the young person involved in any crime
- c. Is the young person victim of any crime
- d. Are there health issues to address (sexual health, physical, emotional)
- e. Is the child or young person being bullied, including cyber bullying
- f. Is the child experiencing domestic abuse at home or in a relationship
- g. Is the child associating with a person who is a Person Posing a Risk to Children
- h. Is the child at risk from trafficking, honour based violence, forced marriage, FGM
- i. Is the child at risk of radicalisation
- j. Are there any specific equalities issues to be considered for the child/ young person

4. Parental involvement/ notification;

5. **Plans once the child is located** including the safe and well check, return home interviews, medical attention and social work visit; (plans and actions need to be SMART); consider how any issues around disclosure of abuse will be managed.
6. **Plans to prevent a repeat missing episode;** (plans and actions need to be SMART)
 - a. Are any further assessments required?
 - b. Does there need to be a plan to enable the child/ young person to reengage with education?
 - c. What are the push/ pull factors?
 - d. Are there any specific services that the child/ family should be signposted to?
 - e. Determine if the child should be referred to Early Help or Child in Need for assessment (if not yet open to CSC)
7. **Actions (SMART) and date of next meeting**