

What Does Good Look Like in relation to working with children who are reported missing in South Gloucestershire?

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Schools review misper reports they receive in order to provide support and early help to the child and their family

Return Home Interviews are offered and take place with 72 hours, identify clear push/pull factors, provide a clear analysis of risk and make recommendations to try to prevent future missing episodes

RHI Example Questions

Children's services guide to completion of data fields in RHIs

RHI Guidance Notes click here

RHI Practice Note click here

Police Trigger Plans

Are clear and in place for children who repeatedly go missing

Philomena Protocol is in place for Children who go missing on the first occasion or as a preventative measure if it is suspected a child might go missing. Click here for more information

Are renewed and updated as necessary after every missing episode by lead professional/ police to ensure it contains correct information to enable a timely and effective response

Police seek to disrupt groups of young people who go missing together or who congregate in the same locations together

Practitioners from all agencies make use of the protocol provided on the Safeguarding website

Practitioners note push and pull factors in their ongoing work to try to reduce the risk of future missing episodes

Children are given the leaflet designed by young people in South Gloucestershire by police when they do a Police Prevention Interview (PPI)

EHAP/CiN/CP/CIC Plans for children who go missing include specific actions to reduce missing episodes and are regularly reviewed to ensure their plan is meeting their needs

All agencies who come into contact with a child who has been reported missing consider risk that the child may have been exposed to in relation to child exploitation, modern slavery and trafficking and appropriate guidance is followed when there is a concern. NRM referrals are made by First Responders when needed.

Police Beat officers or Early Intervention Police officers are allocated to children who repeatedly go missing to try and reduce episodes and where possible do the Police Prevention Interview (PPI).



Further information to help



The Children's Partnership website contains tools including:

Missing Children Protocol
ROTH (exploitation) Guidance
Toolkit for working with children who have been trafficked

A leaflet for young people about going missing designed by young people in South Gloucestershire

Click this box to visit the website

Glossary of Terms:

Misper: Missing person

CiN: Child in Need

CP: Child Protection

CIC: Child in Care

NRM: National Referral Mechanism

EHAP Early Help Assessment and Plan

SGCP South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership