APPENDIX 4: Young people missing from care process flowchart

Missing from care

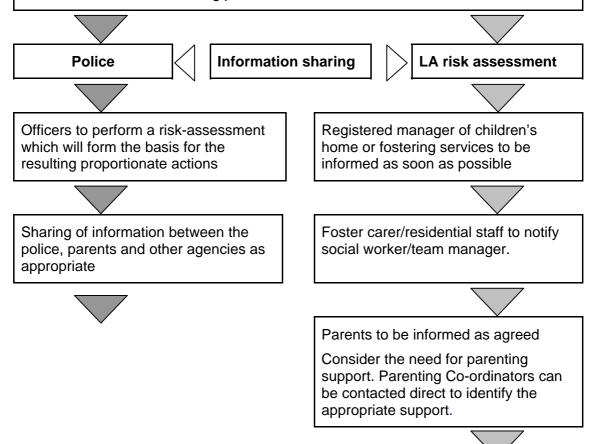
Residential staff/foster carers should make enquiries to locate the missing person with relatives/friends. This should include searches of the accommodation and local area.

Foster carer/residential staff then telephone Police Central Referral Unit 0345 456 4564 (emergency 999) with details of the missing person.

Details required:

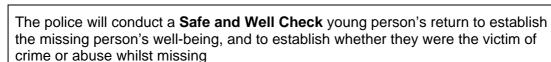
- ♦ Child/Young Person's name
- DOE
- ♦ Where, when, who missing with?
- What missing person was last wearing
- ♦ Description of missing person
- Recent photo
- ♦ Medical history
- ♦ Legal status

All efforts to locate the missing person must be recorded and auditable



Young person is located or returns to the placement

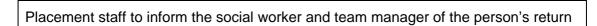
When a missing person is located, it is the responsibility of residential staff or foster carers to collect them in the first instance, unless the circumstances pose a risk to them. Where a risk is present, a police officer may be requested to accompany them, or the police may be requested to collect and return the child/young person to the place of residence.



Consider the benefit of parenting support for foster carers. Parenting Co-ordinators can be contacted to identify the appropriate support.



- Provide positive non-judgemental return;
- ♦ Check young person's medical condition and make necessary arrangements



Arrangements for **Return Interview (within 72 hours of return) by an** '**independent**' **person** to be agreed in consultation with the child/young person. Care plan to be updated.

Consider whether to:

- ◆ Convene a multi-agency strategy meeting;
- ◆ Arrange an early looked-after child review;
- ♦ Review any prevention/support work currently being undertaken with the child/young person