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Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you for your request for information relating to return home interviews.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many children (under 18) were reported missing in your local authority area for the years:

a) 2019/20

1,276

b) 2020/21

1,423

c) 2021/22

1,104

Please note for Question 1a to 1c, this reports the total number of missing episodes for each child e.g. if a child has three missing episodes in a statutory year, this generates a count of three.

2. How many individual children did the above relate to? I expect that you will have multiple reports involving the same child.

a) 2019/20

201

b) 2020/21

297

c) 2021/22

354

For Questions 2a to 2c, each child is counted once irrespective of the number of missing episodes the child has in the statutory year.

3. How many return home interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for a child (under 18) for the years:

a) 2019/20

351

b) 2020/21

581

c) 2021/22

628

4. In relation to Q3 how many individual children did this relate to for the following years:

a) 2019/20

103

b) 2020/21

207

c) 2021/22

255

5. How many of the children in Q4 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20

60

b) 2020/21

51

c) 2021/22

33

For Questions 5a to 5c, please note that the children had completed a return home interview, and also declined a return home interview during the statutory year.

6. How many children in your local authority area who went missing were in your care i.e looked after children for the years:

a) 2019/20

104

b) 2020/21

109

c) 2021/22

94

7. In relation to Q6 how many missing episodes did this total for the following years:

a) 2019/20

974

b) 2020/21

926

c) 2021/22

501

8. How many looked after children, who were placed outside your local authority area, went missing in the years:

a) 2019/20

45

b) 2020/21

50

c) 2021/22

59

9. In relation to Q8 how many missing episodes did this add up to in total for the following years:

a) 2019/20

269

b) 2020/21

279

c) 2021/22

256

10. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode for children in your care for the years:

a) 2019/20

260

b) 2020/21

361

c) 2021/22

260

11. In relation to Q10 how many individual children did this relate to in the following years:

a) 2019/20

59

b) 2020/21

81

c) 2021/22

71

12. How many of the children in Q11 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20

42

b) 2020/21

33

c) 2021/22

20

For Questions 12a to 12c, the children had completed a return home interview, and also declined a return home interview during the statutory year.

13. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for children in your care placed outside of your local authority area for the years:

a) 2019/20

49

b) 2020/21

86

c) 2021/22

126

For Questions 13a to 13c, these are Looked After Children.

14. In relation to Q13 how many individual children did this relate to for the years:

a) 2019/20

23

b) 2020/21

35

c) 2021/22

32

15. How many of the children in Q14 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20

18

b) 2020/21

14

c) 2021/22

13

For Questions 15a to 15c, the children had completed a return home interview, and also declined a return home interview during the statutory year.

16. How many children have not yet been found for the years:

a) 2019/20

Four.

One young person subsequently found; three remain missing; one also reported for 2020/21 statutory year statistics.

b) 2020/21

One.

Remains missing; also reported in the 2019/20 statistics.

c) 2021/22

One. Subsequently returned in the following statutory year.

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