Missing C/Y and Return Home Interviews

It is the responsibility of the social work team to ensure a return home interview is undertaken within 72 hours of the child being found for every missing episode. The information gathered during the return home interviews should inform safety planning for the child/young person.

For children who are placed within 20 miles of the Buckinghamshire border R-U-Safe will conduct the Return Home Interview , the social work team will need to request this by contacting R-U-Safe on 01494 785 552 or email - rusafe@barnardos.org.uk

For children placed further than 20 miles from Buckinghamshire the social work team should check with the placement provider/Local Authority where the child is placed who they use for Return Home Interviews if this has not been established by the placements team. The social work team will need to agree with the placement who will complete the requests for Return Home Interviews and ensure that once they are completed they are added to the child’s records and information gathered informs safety plans.

Missing episodes on LCS for children placed out of county need to be created by the social work teams, the information gathered and details of the Return Home Interview added. It is not possible to have more than one missing episode open at a time.