

# Bristol City Council Care and Support, Children and Families

## Practice Direction

**Practice Directions** are supported by:

- Working Together 2015
- HCPC Standards
- South West Child Protection Procedures
- Bristol Care and Support, Children and Families, Quality Assurance Framework

**Objective:** The aim of Practice Directions are intended to provide clarity of any change of expectations in practice OR clarity on elements of practice where there is confusion. Practice Directions are intended for practitioners and managers. Practice Directions enable an audit trail of change in practice expectations to be maintained.

**Process:** Children's Management Team will consider and approve Practice Directions. Practice Directions will be entered onto Tri-X.

### **Practice Change: children missing and return interviews**

The missing child process on LCS should be started by the worker who first receives information if the child has an allocated Social Worker.

If the child does not have an allocated Social Worker the information should be passed to First Response.

Return Interview should be completed and the return interview form has to be completed.

Part 1 of the form is used to record whether a **return interview is applicable**. For more information about the eligibility criteria for a return interview refer to the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board guidance for children missing from Care or Home in the BSCB Procedures Manual

<http://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/bristol/index.html>

Arrangements for a **return interview should be made within 72 hours** of the child being found. It is therefore important to take the following action as soon as a child has been found/returned.

### **Quality Assurance of practice change:**

Compliance with this Practice Direction will be monitored by deep dive audit and performance indicators.

### **Service Areas / roles applicable:**

Area Units

Through Care Teams

Birth-25 service

**Date of Change:** 21 August 2017