Appendix A

RETURN INTERVIEW PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME OR CARE

Child reported missing is found/located or returns (own accord).

All relevant agencies e.g. Police/CYPS/CDT to be informed the missing person has been found or returned.

Police to conduct a face-to-face Safe & Well Check as soon as possible after the missing person is found to assess any immediate risk.

If the child is at immediate risk, Police to consider Police Protection.

Details of the Police Safe & Well Check to be forwarded to Police Missing & Sexual Exploitation Team and Central Duty Team

Central Duty Team to arrange for an Independent Return Interview to be undertaken with the child, according to best practice, within 72 hours of their return.

Return Interview Outcomes
1. Interview is refused
2. N.F.A./No significant issues
3. Referral to CAF
4. Referral to CYPS
5. Sign posted for support services
6. Referral to The Child Exploitation Meeting
7. Information shared with Social Worker/Lead Professional
8. Intelligence shared with the Police

Details of Return Interview to be notified to CYPS/CDT and relevant Outcomes progressed

Details of Return Interview to be notified to CYPS/CAF worker/CDT and relevant Outcomes progressed

Details of Return Interview to be notified to CDT and relevant Outcomes progressed.

Child is Looked After and has been missing from care. Return Interview to be undertaken by an adult independent of their care placement.

Child is currently open/active to CYPS or has a CAF lead worker.

Child is not currently known/active to CYPS/CAF and not currently receiving support services.