

**'RETURN INTERVIEW' PATHWAY FOR MISSING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PLACED OUTSIDE OF LINCOLNSHIRE**

Each Local Authority area will have its own Safeguarding Children's Board Protocol for Missing Children and Young People. When a child or young person (CYP) goes missing any **locally agreed protocol arrangements should be followed in the first instance**. If the missing CYP has been placed by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) they will need to be informed via their Children's Team on 01522 782111 or the 'out of hours' Emergency Duty Team on 01522 782333. It is expected that those who look after children and young people on behalf of LCC are familiar with the Department for Education's '*statutory guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care*', issued in January 2014.

Making sure that a 'return interview' takes place within the required 72 hours lies with the 'Responsible Authority' who will have also placed the child/young person to be 'looked after'. They will need to discuss with the Local Authority where the child/young person lives to arrange for a 'return interview' to take place.

