

## Return Interview One Page Guide



I was able to say where I wanted my interview to happen and who with. I felt safe speaking about things away and was happy that I had a choice.

- Remember that interviews should be offered to the young person within 72 hours of the notification being received/the missing episode taking place.

Young people should have a choice about where the interview takes place and they should be offered an independent person. Listen to what the young person wants and will engage with.

- Always ask open questions and address the issues of safety for the young person. Use signs of safety questions. Identify why they went missing and what can help prevent this from happening again. Talk about their feelings, did they feel safe? When discussing their missing episode ask who they were with and where they were (try and get as much detail as possible).
- Missing interviews must be sent to the police as soon as possible. The Missing process on EHM must be completed to enable this to happen.
- Give the young person a Return from Missing Interview leaflet, even if they refuse to engage in the interview.
- Always speak to parents or carers and include their views in the interview.
- Record all case notes regarding missing must be recorded on EHM.



Children/young people might be aggressive and resistant to our help but we need to keep trying. Children go missing for a reason and we need to do our best to hear what they have to say and try to minimise the risk of them going missing again.

Police use the forms to feed into their intelligence therefore the more detail they have the better.