

1. 72 hours missing

Strategy meeting should be convened. Serious Notification Form sent to Local Authority. Multi-agency meetings should continue weekly if child continues to be missing. Press release discussed.

2. 3 missing episodes in 30 days

Case to be reviewed by IFD if no support in place. If case is in Early Help the Lead Professional should convene a Family Meeting to determine if existing plan is working. If case is in Childrens Social Care there should be consideration for a Strategy Meeting or review of current plan

3. 9 missing episodes in 90 days

Case should be reviewed by IFD to see if it an open case. If case is in Early Help the Lead Professional should convene a Family Meeting to determine if existing plan is working. Needs and risks should be identified and referred back to the IFD. If case is in Childrens Social Care there should be consideration for a Strategy Meeting or review of current plan. Police MFH co-ordinator to be invited to all meetings

7. Return Home Interviews

Catch22 will endeavour to complete a return interview within 72hrs of the child being found and seen safe and well by Police. The return interview is sent to Police Missing from Home Coordinator, allocated social care and or IFD. These return interviews should inform the child's plan (EH, CiN, CP, CLA)

6. Catch22

For Wirral Looked after Children who are placed outside of the borough, it is the responsibility of the allocated social worker to inform Catch22 of this missing episode in order that they can carry out the return interview. Catch22 aim to reduce missing episodes with young people by offering direct work where appropriate.



4. Absent/Away from Placement

When a child or young person is identified as not being at a location they are expected to be, the reporting individual must take proactive steps to trace the child's whereabouts prior to contacting the police.

5. Absent/Away from Placement

Consider possible risks of CSE, substance misuse, family members where they have previously been removed from. A Care Planning meeting should be held if the child is persistently absent to ensure the child is safeguarded.