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**Request:**

1. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021...

- a. How many children (under 18 years old) were recorded as 'missing' in your local authority?

55 (15 LAC, 40 children not In Care)

- b. How many Looked After Children were recorded as 'missing' in your local authority?

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2. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, please breakdown...

- a. How many children (under 18 years old) who were not Looked After were recorded as missing:

Once  
35

Twice  
3

Three times  
0

Four times  
2

Five times  
0

Between six and 10 times  
0

Between 11 and 20 times  
0

Between 21 and 50 times  
0

Between 51 and 100 times

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0

More than 100 times

0

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b. How many Looked After Children were recorded as missing:

Once

4

Twice

0

Three times

1

Four times

4

Five times

1

Between six and 10 times

4

Between 11 and 20 times

1

Between 21 and 50 times

0

Between 51 and 100 times

0

More than 100 times

0

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3. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021...

a. How many Return Interviews were offered to children (under 18 years old) who were not looked after who had been missing?

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- b. How many Return Interviews were accepted and received by children (under 18 years old) who were not looked after?

17

- c. How many Return Interviews were offered to Looked After Children who had been missing?

52

- d. How many Return Interviews were accepted and received by Looked After Children?

12

- e. How many accepted Return Interviews were carried out by staff:

- i. From the local authority (please name the local authority department)?

- ii. Commissioned services (please name the commissioned service)?

4. Who is the provider for your local authority's Return Interview service? (if there are several providers, please provide details of all and the nature of their role)

Provision is split - if it is a Child in Our Care then we can refer to Participation Team to undertake a return home interview if the YP wishes to have someone independent. If it is an open case to a social worker and the child / young person is not in our care then the SW will undertake. If it is a case that is not open then the return home interview is undertaken via MASH Early Help.

5. Please share details of any resources or support that your local authority provides directly to children who have been missing.

Pending reasons and any worries identified a range of support / tools could be used to support such as direct work via the social worker / foster carer / staff member in the home, commission of a service called Bright Futures. Appropriate professional within the support network to do work etc