

Missing from Care and home Panel

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Purpose of the Panel

The panel is responsible for ensuring a robust and coordinated approach between the police, children's services and other agencies in response to children missing from care or home.

Key responsibilities of the Panel

Objectives

- Ensure a prompt and robust response between agencies when children are missing from care or home
- Share information about children who are frequently missing from care or home
- Agree and review safety plans
- Discuss and agree what interventions Islington police can make with their colleagues in other Local Authorities
- Ensure that abduction notices, recovery and collection orders are utilised as appropriate
- Ensure that the placement is meeting the child's needs and responding appropriately when children are missing from care

Remit of the Panel

This panel is being set up to review high risk cases, or any other cases where children are frequently missing and there is a need for an ongoing co-ordinated approach.

The child does not have to be missing at the time the panel is convened in order to be discussed

The panel is not intended to replace strategy discussions or meetings and safety planning which should continue as required under Missing from care procedures.

Islington police are not able to attend all strategy meetings held on children who are missing from care and this panel will provide an opportunity for face to face discussions and problem solving to take place on individual cases that are of concern.

Membership

The Panel Members (and current named individuals) are:

- Kam Sodi or Dion Brown, Islington Missing Police Unit
- Catherine Isaacs – Service Manager, Children Looked After
- Justine Darke Operational Manager TYS
- Naomi Bannister , CSE, Trafficking and Missing Co-Ordinator
- Trever David, Independent Reviewing Officer

The panel will be chaired by Catherine Isaacs or a manager from Islington Social Services.

Where a member cannot attend, they should identify a nominated representative from their service area.

Arrangements for the Conduct of Business

Frequency of meetings

The Panels will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 14:00, unless otherwise re-arranged.

Location

Panel meetings will take place at Ellwood Street.

Case Presentation Selection and Preparation

1. Social workers should book into the next panel with Hannah.Brown@islington.gov.uk
2. No written information is required beforehand, although a list of names to be discussed should be provided, usually three working days before the meeting to allow partners to conduct necessary research.
3. Social workers should come to present their cases. S/he would be expected to give a brief history, summary of current difficulties, think about 3 key things that the police (in Islington or out of borough) could do and what other agencies could do.
4. Decisions from the panel will be confirmed in writing by the relevant operation manager. It is the responsibility of case workers to action panel decisions and any follow on actions.