

Dear FOI department,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information:

- 1) Do you offer children who run away or go missing a return home interview after each episode of running away?
 - a. Are these provided to all children missing from home and care or those who meet a set criteria?
- 2) In 2016 and 2015, (two separate answers please) how many **children** ran away? (please include each child once if they ran away more than once)
 - a. From care
 - b. From home
- 3) In 2016 and 2015, (two separate answers please) how many **episodes** of run aways were there? (please detail how many times runaway children were reported even if it was one child who ran away more than once)
- 4) Of those **episodes** of children reported missing after running away from home in 2015, how many had a return home interview?
- 5) Of those **episodes** reported missing in 2016 how many had a return home interview?
- 7) How many return home interviews were carried out within the 72 hour time frame?
- 8) Do you have a named senior children's service manager responsible for monitoring policies and performance relating to children who go missing from home or care?

Please provide the information in the form of an email to Jordan.milne@sky.uk

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

Please send email confirmation as proof of receipt of my request.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as stipulated by the Act.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below.

Best wishes,

Further to your recent Freedom of Information Request, please see attached the data requested.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

<p>1. Do you offer children who run away or go missing a return home interview after each episode of running away? a. Are these provided to all children missing from home and care or those who meet a set criteria?</p>	<p>All missing children episodes are screened by a Children Missing Officer who makes a decision regarding the need for a Return Interview (RI). In general a RI will be offered for all children missing on two or more occasions or first time missing if the child is engaging in risky behaviour.</p>	
<p>2. In 2016 and 2015, (two separate answers please) how many children ran away? (please include each child once if they ran away more than once)</p>		
	2015	2016
a. From care	275	295
b. From home	684	726
	<p>NB – some children, during the course of the year, may appear in both groups (i.e. may have gone missing from home, be placed in LA Care to go missing again, or vice versa). The figures in a) and b) cannot be added to get a total number of children missing in that year.</p> <p>Total figures for individuals are: 2015 – 934 2016 – 999</p>	
<p>3. In 2016 and 2015, (two separate answers please) how many episodes of runaways were there? (please detail how many times runaway children were reported even if it was one child who ran away more than once)</p>		
2015	2470 – 1114 from home and 1356 from care	
2016	2714 – 1128 from home and 1586 from care	
<p>4. Of those episodes of children reported missing after running away from home in 2015, how many had a return home interview?</p>	<p>Of 1114 total from home 644 had RI 329 did not require RI 141 refused RI/outcome not recorded</p>	
<p>5. Of those episodes reported missing in 2016 how many had a return home interview?</p>	<p>Of 1128 total from home 614 had RI 341 did not require RI 173 refused RI/outcome not recorded</p>	
<p>7. How many return home interviews were carried out within the 72 hour time frame?</p>	2015	2016
	422 – from home	425 – from home

8. Do you have a named senior children's service manager responsible for monitoring policies and performance relating to children who go missing from home or care?

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You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottsc.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.gov.uk

Kindest Regards

Context for information provided :

The data provided is taken from Police missing reports, children are categorised as either missing or absent. Please note Nottinghamshire County Council responds to all notifications of missing and absent resulting in higher numbers, other Local Authorities may only offer a response to Missing children.

Nottinghamshire Looked After Children (LAC) data includes children placed in Nottinghamshire by other Local Authorities, the LA in question and the allocated social workers are advised of the missing/absent episodes however confirmation of a Return Interview being completed is not always received.