



*Report of  
MFH Children  
Part 2*

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## Introduction

This report builds on the previous preliminary findings report into Missing From Home (MFH) Children. It seeks to examine in further detail the suggestions for next stages as described at the end of the preliminary report. The preliminary report focused on data between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Sections of this report will predominantly focus on the same time-range (unless otherwise stated).

## Preliminary Report Recap

Forcewide there were 921 missing incidents reported between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 744 (81%) of these related to Durham addresses and 175 (19%) were linked to Darlington addresses (with 2 incidents relating to addresses out of force area).

- Of the 921 incidents, 302 sleuth reports were created – this led to 111 RtHIs received back to force (37%) A further 152 were requested via dynamic meeting – this led to 37 RtHI received in force (24%). A further 41 RtHIs were received in force that were not on sleuth or requested via meeting. In total there were 189 RtHIs received (21% of incidents received a RtHI)

- Of the 189 RtHIs 46 also had a vulnerable child (VC) form submitted to force intelligence system, 20 of these were recorded on Sleuth.
- Where there was a RtHI the average time a child was missing was 15 hours 13 minutes, ranging from 2 minutes to 7-8 days. Both children were aged 14 years of age, one was LAC (the child missing the longest).
- Of the 921 MFH incidents, 224 (24%) related to the child being missing less than an hour, 24 (11%) of these incidents had a RtHI linked. 50 (23%) of those missing under an hour had a VC form submitted. Only 9 (4%) of those missing under an hour had a sleuth report created (4 of these had a VC created).
- Of the 921 MFH incidents, 80 (9%) related to the child being missing 24 hours or more, 30 (38%) of these incidents had a RtHI linked. 4 (5%) of those missing 24 hours or more had a VC form submitted. All but one of those missing 24 hours or more had a sleuth report created (4 of these had a VC created).

*[Note above bullet points have been lifted directly from the preliminary report to provide the reader with a reminder of the figures]*

## Missing Under an Hour

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and the 18<sup>th</sup> of June there were 224 episodes of children missing less than an hour:

Locality	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Grand Total
Darlington	9	12	3	3	5	4	36
Durham	36	44	35	13	26	32	186
Other Force			2				2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>224</b>

In 11% of the incidents children were recorded missing for exactly 30 minutes.

Just over a quarter of the incidents related to LAC: