

Statement of YVETTE STANLEY

Statement No: 2

Date: 27 July 2020

IN THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE  
THE INVESTIGATION INTO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION BY ORGANISED NETWORKS

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF YVETTE STANLEY

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1. I, Yvette Stanley, make this statement as on behalf of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills ('Ofsted'). This is my second statement in this investigation and follows my first dated 2 March 2020 [OFS012595] and I say as follows:
2. The Inquiry has requested a supplementary written statement under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 in relation to its investigation into the sexual exploitation of children by organised networks ('CSEN'). This request is contained in a letter dated 20 July 2020.
3. In that letter the inquiry has states; ***We note that Ms Stanley provides comments on missing children and return home interviews at paragraphs 140 - 153 of her witness statement dated 16 March 2020 (OFS012595) under the heading 'Theme Four'. However, Ms Stanley does not provide any comments on looked after children. Please provide any further comments that Ofsted wishes to make in relation to looked after children specifically.***
4. To clarify my first statement, at paragraphs 140-153 where I provide details about return home interviews (RHI) these apply to both children living in the family home and looked after children. This is clear from the Department form Education statutory guidance, as exhibited with my first statement [Exhibit YS15].

5. Return Home Interviews are offered to anyone under the age of 16 on their return after being reported missing. A return home interview provides a child or young person with a confidential space to talk about their missing episode.
  
6. These interviews may be with the Local Authority but will often be with someone who is not from the police or Local Authority social services – someone who's independent – such as a charity worker or a teacher. Return Home Interviews can vary but the aim is to give the child or young person who has returned a chance to talk about why they ran away, what happened whilst they were away and how they are feeling now they are back.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:

**DPA**

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