

## MAP CRITERIA Force Missing Persons Policy

\* In conjunction with the hub Detective Inspector, consider a Missing Action Plan (MAP) for those children that fit the criteria (a) or (b). In cases where a decision is made not to utilise a MAP, justification must be recorded on Compact.

Where a MAP is deemed appropriate, create a Niche Occurrence entitled 'MFH Case Management' and transfer a completed Missing Action Plan template onto the OEL. The OEL within this occurrence must be used to record all ongoing work in relation to the child. PNC must be updated to highlight that a MAP is in place and direction given as to who any information should be directed to.

Work with partner agencies to reduce repeat missing episodes and consequently the potential risks associated during a missing episode, through effective use of the MAP. The effectiveness of the multi-agency response, progression of the MAP and whether it remains necessary should be reviewed by the hub Detective Inspector. The MPC should ensure that the MAP's are regularly reviewed and the outcomes recorded within the OEL on the Niche record. Authorisation from the hub Detective Inspector is required for closure of a MAP.

MAP criteria:

(a) Child aged 13 and under and has had 3 or more missing episodes within 90 days must have a MAP

(b) In all other cases, professional judgement to be used.

15.3 The MPC is required to collate information in relation to all absent and missing cases, ensuring that records for individuals from both children's and other care homes can be identified and reviewed. This will provide the necessary information for them to investigate the circumstances, identify found locations and review repeat occurrences. This will assist in identifying trends and risk of harm. Consideration must be given to children missing from education, persistent absence from schools and youth offending service data on absconding and breaching. This information will help to build a picture of