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**THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

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**EXHIBIT JP85**

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## Return Interview Dip Sample Audit March 19

Based on 10 of the most recent completions up to 7<sup>th</sup> March 19.

Rationale. Missing People County Lines Conference 7<sup>th</sup> March 19 – ROCU stated working on minimum standards for RHIs.

What's working well	What's worrying	What needs to happen next
<p>Some good practice examples, detail around names/locations/activities typically from Erase, but also from One Point</p> <p>Examples where the child's voice is captured</p>	<p>Different formats of the same form used</p> <p>Form needs typing not handwritten so it is clear to all on the system</p> <p>Shouldn't leave questions blank as not clear if the question's been asked</p> <p>Little information contained about where the child was found and whether there were any concerning factors when they were found e.g appearance, carrying anything, under the influence</p> <p>Where interaction with the child is brief there are risks that the professional elaborates with their own observations thus the child's voice is lost</p> <p>Steps taken to safeguard the child when high risk activity disclosed not captured on the form ( action in the next column re professional observations)</p>	<p>There's an issue where the RHI is brief because the child doesn't wish to engage. Darlington's form has " did the child engage?" as a question</p> <p>Darlington's form also gives the professionals the opportunity to categorise risk associated with the incident</p> <p>Timescales need adjusting on the form e.g under 1 hour, over 24 hours. Importantly there needs to be a categorisation of whether the incident was overnight as this is a high risk factor. Where did you sleep? Were there any conditions made?</p> <p>The form misses prompts around some key warning signs of exploitation. Questions that need to be considered, possibly as sub questions – to serve as prompts –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where were you found</li> <li>• How did you get home</li> <li>• Risk of harm ( not just "victim of crime"), any threats made</li> <li>• Did sexual activity take place</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did you use drugs/alcohol? How did you pay?</li><li>• How could you be safer when missing</li></ul> <p>Consider if separate box required for professional observations to distinguish that from the child's voice</p> <p>Briefing paper on effective completion of RHIs tied to required action likely around Intelligence gathering</p>
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