

Right Care, Right Person

Missing Child from a Care Home Protocol



Is the missing child high-risk?

A missing person is 'anyone whose whereabouts cannot be established.'

If the missing child meets the high-risk criteria (where the risk of serious harm to the person or the public is very likely) call Greater Manchester Police (GMP) immediately.

A missing child who does not meet the high-risk criteria, should not be reported to GMP as a missing person until reasonable enquiries such as the following examples, are conducted (the list should not be considered exhaustive or a minimum requirement):

1. Search



Ensure a thorough search of the care home, grounds and surrounding area is conducted.

2. Check CCTV



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3.

Contact the Child



Attempt to contact the child directly, via phone or social networking sites.

4.

Contact Family or Friends



Call the child's family or friends to check whether they have had contact with them.

If the child is not located after undertaking reasonable enquiries, you should then make a missing persons report to the police.