
**LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE WHO HAVE AUTISM OR
ANOTHER DISABILITY.**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with information regarding the number of those children who are Looked After with autism or another disability, who experience missing from home episodes.

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2. At the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 16 April 2018, Members requested a report be submitted to the Committee being held on 2 July 2018 which addressed the interventions in place for children who are looked after and who experience missing episodes, and the reasons why these children go missing. This report was submitted, however Members requested further detail to inform of the number of these children who have autism or another disability.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) Members acknowledge and note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in relation to this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	Nil impact
Health and Well Being	Nil impact
Carbon Impact	Nil impact
Diversity	Nil impact
Wards Affected	Nil impact
Groups Affected	Nil impact
Budget and Policy Framework	Nil impact
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Nil impact
Efficiency	Nil impact
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Whilst this report is in relation to Looked After Children, it is for information only and therefore there is no impact on this group or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

4. **Looked After Children Missing from Home who have Autism or Another Disability.**

There were no children or young people missing from home with a recorded disability including autism throughout the reporting year of 2017/18.

There has been one missing episode for one young person with autism in the current reporting year of 2018/19. This young person left his foster placement in the early evening and was located and returned home within the hour.