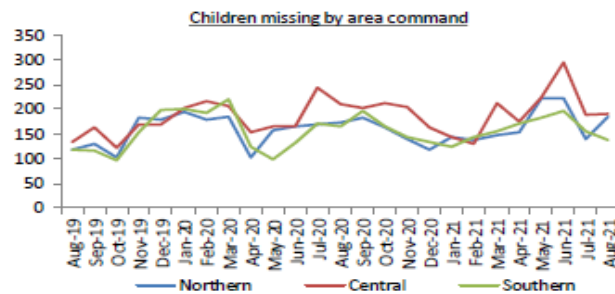


# Missing From Home Annual Report

(01/09/20 – 31/08/21)

## ❖ Missing Persons Trends Data

All trend by LA	Rolling 12 months											
	All			Children			Adults					
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change			
Sunderland	2457	2644	8%	↑	1367	1357	-1%	↓	1090	1287	18%	↑
South Tyneside	956	1189	24%	↑	502	553	10%	↑	454	636	40%	↑
Gateshead	1544	1735	12%	↑	855	965	13%	↑	689	770	12%	↑
North Tyneside	1631	1678	3%	↑	964	958	-1%	↓	667	720	8%	↑
Newcastle	2745	3038	11%	↑	1335	1378	3%	↑	1410	1660	18%	↑
Northumberland	1906	2013	6%	↑	956	996	4%	↑	950	1017	7%	↑
Force	11239	12297	9%	↑	5979	6207	4%	↑	5260	6090	16%	↑



Children missing from care	Northern			Central			Southern			Force		
	All	In care	%	All	In care	%	All	In care	%	All	In care	%
Jun-21	222	108	49%	295	133	45%	197	89	45%	714	330	46%
Jul-21	140	51	36%	188	98	52%	155	57	37%	483	206	43%
Aug-21	184	90	49%	190	110	58%	138	68	49%	512	268	52%
12 months to Aug-20	1920	1046	54%	2190	1317	60%	1869	967	52%	5979	3330	56%
12 months to Aug-21	1954	891	46%	2343	1090	47%	1910	822	43%	6207	2803	45%
Difference	34	-155	-9%	153	-227	-14%	41	-145	-9%	228	-527	-11%

## ❖ Positive partnership working

- Joint review of Risk Management plans for Children residing in Ofsted Registered Childrens Homes
- Introduction of Information sharing meetings to discuss referrals for new residents into Ofsted Registered Children's Homes
- MFHC linking in with Gateshead Commissioning regarding out of area children being placed into area
- Home visits by MFHC

- Police are working with the Gateshead Business Manager – Safeguarding Children’s Partnership to revise Gateshead’s Local Missing Children policy in line with the Levels of Intervention Model. This work will feed into the review of the Regional Missing policy.

❖ Case Studies

- Child A – Out of Area LAC released from secure and placed into an unregulated placement in Gateshead. Regularly missing for long periods of time with UK associates and a high risk of Exploitation. Liaised regularly with Out of Area Children’s Services (at one point attending daily meetings) and police services, highlighted to Gateshead Childrens Services and commissioning for support, discussed at M-SET for scrutiny and support. Child A stopped going missing and started to engage with professionals. Child A has now turned 18 and is about to move into own tenancy with floating support.
- Child B – Gateshead LAC who was residing in a placement in Scotland, this broke down and was moved to an alternative placement with Durham. Regular missing episodes whereby Child B would travel to the Gateshead area to be near to family and friends. Attended a Risk management meeting whereby it was collectively agreed Child B would return to the Gateshead area and reside in Gateshead LA Children’s Home. Although Child B has had 10 missing episodes since moving in on 22/03/21 this is a vast reduction in missing episodes compared with those when out of area. Child B is due to start College this month and seems to be doing well.

❖ Top Missing Locations, 01/09/20 – 31/08/21

- Longside House = 73
- Blaydon Children’s Home = 68
- Jigsaw Recovery Project = 50
- Fairways Childrens Home = 42
- 12 Ashford = 39

## Appendix A

### Annual Missing Episodes – Children

•	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Child 5	Child 6
September 20	3	6	6	4	1	Scotland
October 20	5	4	4	1	5	Scotland 3
November 20	0	4	3	0	3	Scotland
December 20	7	5	4	1	5	Scotland
January 21	7	5	7	2	0	Durham
February 21	0	1	3	4	1	Durham
March 21	3	4	Secure	3	4	Moved to LA children's home 22/03/21 1
April 21	5	2	Secure	3	1	3
May 21	2	3	Secure	2	1	3
June 21	3	3	Secure	0	1	1
July 21	5	4	Secure	0	3	0
August 21	8	0	2	6	1	2
Total	48	41	29	26	26	13

## Annual Missing Persons OFSTED registered homes

	Longsid House	Blaydon	Fairways	Kites Rise	Hillsid e	Mill farmhous e	Caxton House	Park View	Saltwe ll House	Grove Hous e
September 20	14	12	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 20	6	15	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
November 20	4	9	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
December 20	6	5	5	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
January 21	7	7	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	0
February 21	5	3	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
March 21	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 21	4	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
May 21	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 21	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 21	4	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
August 21	6	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	73	68	42	19	11	7	5	0	0	0

## Annual Missing Person Episodes – Unregulated placements

	Jigsaw Project	12 Ashford	Eslington House – Home Group	Chiswick Gardens – Home Group	Forever Care – 55 Hewitson Terrace	The Gibside Arms	Tynevale Terrace – Home Group
September 20	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
October 20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
November 20	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
December 20	0	6	4	0	4	0	3
January 21	3	7	2	0	7	0	1
February 21	10	0	2	1	5	0	1
March 21	13	3	0	6	1	0	1
April 21	12	5	1	2	0	0	1
May 21	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
June 21	7	3	1	7	0	9	0
July 21	0	5	1	2	0	0	0
August 21	4	8	4	0	0	0	0
Total	50	39	19	19	18	12	9

3 x Home Group Total = 47