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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011364/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Why do children in residential care go missing, and where do they go whilst missing?"

I write to request any information that you have on this topic, which may include internal reports or evaluations of the following:

- ***Innovative practices for dealing with missing children from residential care***
- ***Strategies used to target resources to missing children from residential care***
- ***Spatial behaviour of children who go missing from residential care (i.e., where they go whilst missing)***
- ***Experiences and perceptions of partnership working with children's residential care homes and how this can be (or has been) improved***
- ***Facilitators and barriers to identifying the reasons why children go missing from residential care***
- ***Prevention activities in relation to children who go missing from residential care***
- ***The effectiveness of Return Home Interviews and The Philomena Protocol with children who go missing from residential care in identifying the reasons why they go missing, and where they go whilst missing.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP does not have searchable data on why children in residential care go missing or where they go whilst missing.

The UK Missing Person Unit at the National Crime Agency collates this information from police forces that can search on such data, and the UKMPU is therefore where you should direct your question.

You can access their page here

<https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/home#>

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