Missing Children - Top 10 Tips for Return Interviews

- 1. Listen to the child / Young Person and use professional curiosity.
- 2. Arrange Return Interview as soon as possible and Complete the Return Interview within 72 hrs (use Return Interview form in Liberi)



- 3. Consider Return Interview for all types of Missing Episodes including Absent from placement without authorisation and complete a risk assessment
- 4. Use refused option within Return Interview Form if child / young person has been offered and refused / declined interview



- 5. Ensure you have completed Return Interview Training and consider the location of the interview and communication tools to engage with the child/young person and use the CSE/Trafficking Toolkits as appropriate
- 6. Frequent / multiple Missing Person Episodes can be covered by one Return Interview if the child/young person has declined earlier attempts to see them (be persistent – it may take time for them to talk)

7. Consider Risk Factors at start of Missing Person Episode and update as necessary – new risk factors may emerge



- 8. Familiarise yourself with Running and Missing from Home and Care protocols and statutory Guidance
- <u>9.</u> Involve all parties i.e.: parents, carers, MPLOs and others in reducing further Missing Episodes
- <u>10.</u> Hold Risk Management Meetings/Strategy meetings to plan actions and review the plan