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| **Consultation Response Form**  **Consultation closing date: 17 September 2013** **Your comments must reach us by that date** |
| Statutory guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care |

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If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the Ministerial and Public Communications Division by e-mail: [consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the Department's ['Contact Us'](file:///C:\help\contactus) page.

Please mark the category which best describes you as a respondent

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**Local Strategic Framework**

1 a) Is the draft guidance clear?  If not, please explain why and how you think the guidance could be made clearer

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1 b) Are any key requirements missing? If yes, please say in the comment box what is missing and where it should be in the document

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1 c) Do you have any further comments to make about this issue?

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**Collecting and sharing data**

2 a) Are the additional responsibilities regarding Looked After Children clear and sufficient?

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**Where a child is found**

3 a) Is it clear about how and when safe and well checks should be conducted? If not, please say in the comment box how the guidance could be made clearer

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3 b) Is it clear about how and when return interviews should be conducted?  If not, please say in the comment box how the guidance could be made clearer

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**Flowchart to accompany the statutory guidance**

4 a) Does the flowchart accurately reflect the actions required by local agencies and the carer/carers?

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Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you place an 'X' in the box below.

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Here at the Department for Education we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, please confirm below if you would be willing to be contacted again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

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The key Consultation Principles are:

* departments will follow a range of timescales rather than defaulting to a 12-week period, particularly where extensive engagement has occurred before
* departments will need to give more thought to how they engage with and consult with those who are affected
* consultation should be ‘digital by default', but other forms should be used where these are needed to reach the groups affected by a policy; and
* the principles of the Compact between government and the voluntary and community sector will continue to be respected.

Responses should be completed on-line or emailed to the relevant consultation email box. However, if you have any comments on how DfE consultations are conducted, please contact Carole Edge, DfE Consultation Coordinator, tel: 0370 000 2288 / email: [carole.edge@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:carole.edge@education.gsi.gov.uk)

**Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.**

Completed responses should be sent to the address shown below by 17 September 2013

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