



Missing People and Protecting the Vulnerable

Missing profile - Durham Constabulary

- The missing person profile has been refreshed in 2023 to provide insight and analysis of the reports made to Durham Police. This looked at data gathered during 2022.
- In 2022 missing people represented 3.3% of calls for service into the force, which is an increase from 2.7% in 2021 (measured over calendar year)
- The average monthly missing reports suggest that by the end of 2023 we will hit an overall total of 4797

	2021	2022	2023 (> July)
Adult	876	945	548
Child	2643	3763	2289
Total	3519	4708	2837

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Analysis shows that 50% of those reported missing return of their own accord
- 3% of missing people encountered harm whilst missing (145/4708)
- 65% of all missing reports are children, 40% of which in the looked after system
- Equal split of demand between LA care homes and Private
- Contingency placement (Unregulated) so far over the last 12 months: 127 missing reports
- Sunday and Tuesday evenings are the peak periods for missing reports, between 9pm and 11pm

Insights

- Children are more likely to have repeat missing episodes than adults
- Children with repeat missing episodes of 4 or more occasions account for the largest proportion of missing children reports at 60.5% (2275/3763)
- All the children within the top 20 for repeat missing episodes during 2023 are in the looked after system (506 reports between them)
- 54% of missing children in Darlington in 2022 were missing from a care home

Prevention in Durham

- Philomena Protocol
- Herbert Protocol
- Multi-Agency Meetings
- Accurate recording of missing
- Prevention interview
- RTHI by LA
- Buddy Scheme
- Profiles to adopt problem solving approach
- Multi Agency Missing Exploited Group
- Peer Mentors

Police Powers and duty to investigate

- S47 Children Act
- S11 Children Act 2004
- S16 Children and Social Work act
- Article 2,3,4 ECHR
- Children Act 1989