

## When do REACH get involved?

REACH respond directly to the missing and found reports received from police following a child being reported missing.

REACH attend all MACSE meetings and will identify relevant cases for support through that forum.

Practitioners from any agency can liaise with their locality REACH Family Practitioner or CSE Practice Lead should they wish to discuss a child. The level of CSE risk and circumstances around that child will help determine the advice and support that REACH offer.

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# REACH

Reducing Exploitation and  
Absence from Care or Home



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Absence from Care or Home  
(REACH) is a service which  
supports young people who either  
go missing, or who are at risk of  
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

## Our Aim

*The primary purpose of REACH is to raise the profile and awareness of missing and CSE, with children and young people, their families and professionals who work with them. To achieve this, REACH promotes the Southwest Peninsula CSE Strategy principals in respect of CSE and missing young people, by seeking to Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue.*

## Our Team

REACH Family Practitioners are locality-based across Devon. REACH Family Practitioners are supervised by a CSE Practice Lead, who also has responsibility for managing the work that comes into REACH. Business Support is provided by a small team of Service Support Officers.

REACH Practitioners spend time in both their locality Early Help Hubs and locality Social Work offices, facilitating the availability of REACH support across the child's journey.

## What do we do?

### **Work with young people and families:**

REACH undertake Return Home Interviews for children not open to social care. This will follow an episode of the child being reported missing to police.

REACH work in a range of community settings to provide direct interventions with children and families/carers, which aim to reduce the risk of children running away or becoming victims of CSE.

REACH support families in accessing wider services within Early Help and contribute towards Early Help Assessments using 'Right for Children'.

REACH engages with schools to provide CSE-focused input around assemblies and targeted group work with children.

### **Work with professionals:**

REACH work closely with Social Workers and their managers in relation to the development of practice and performance in relation to CSE and missing

REACH attend various multi-agency meetings across the county, including MACSE and strategy meetings where there may be CSE issues or concerns around missing.

REACH contribute towards delivery of training both 'in house' as well as to external agencies.

REACH provide consultation to any practitioner in relation to identifying and responding to young people who may be at risk of CSE.

REACH liaise with other Local Authorities when children placed in Devon from other areas go missing.