



Dear Colleague,

Level 3 Award in Undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews for Children

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the above Level 3 Qualification. Please find below an overview summary of the course requirements, the associated programme specification and the qualification booking information.

Qualification Overview

The Level 3 Award in 'Undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews for Children' has been carefully researched, written and developed by **Shropshire Academy and Learning Trust** in conjunction with NOCN, a leading provider of high quality qualifications, apprenticeships and assessments.

This accredited training programme is fully aligned to the [Department for Education's Statutory Guidance \(2014\)](#) Guidance states that when a child is found, and returned home after running away, they must be offered an **Independent Return Interview** within 72-hours of their return. Statutory guidance states that this should be an in-depth interview that is carried out by a **non-statutory, trained practitioner** and someone who is not involved in caring for the child.

For **Interview Practitioners** who meet directly with Children who Run Away or go Missing from Home or Care, this evidence-informed and carefully designed qualification aims to provide further safeguards and proactive support to children who are vulnerable and at risk of harm, further harm and exploitation, whilst validating and quality assuring practitioner competence for those commissioning and undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews.

The qualification is nationally accredited and Ofqual regulated, to provide reliable and competency-based evidence, which indicates the knowledge and skills that learners have demonstrated in order to receive the qualification status.

This qualification and associated training is a requirement for those with responsibility for interviewing children who run away and go missing from home and/or care.



Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to have the following as a qualification entry requirement:

1. *A minimum of a Level 2 English Qualification*
2. *Minimum Level 2 Safeguarding Qualification or Evidenced Training*
3. *2 years' relevant professional experience in children's health, education or a social care setting*
4. *Current Enhanced DBS (registered on the update service or evidenced via a disclaimer)*
5. *An understanding/awareness of childhood development, adversity, attachment and trauma*

This is a 3-day intensive training course, which follows stringent awarding body and Ofqual requirements. The Qualification and Assessment Specification is available upon request.

This training and associated qualification is recommended for:

Public Services	Schools and Education	Health	Children's Social Care	Independent Services
Police Officers	Designated Teachers for Children Looked After	Mental Health and Well-Being Practitioners	Children's Services	Independent Missing Return Home Interviewers
Police Community Support Officer	Designated Safeguarding Officers	Psychologists	Social Workers Independent Reviewing Officers	Practitioners supporting children at risk of harm and harmed by Child Sexual Exploitation.
Pediatric Nurses	SENDCo	School Nurses	Children's Home Managers	Missing from Home and Care Specialists
Child Protection Services	Pastoral Leads	School Counsellors	Senior Child Care Practitioners	Youth Workers
CAMHS	School Nurses	Therapists	Fostering Services	Mentors Independent Visitors Advocacy Services
Service Co-ordinators for children at risk or harmed by Exploitation	Teachers	Nurses supporting Children Looked After	Post-Adoption Support Services	Family Intervention Support Workers
Youth Justice/HMPI Workers	School Counsellors	General Practitioners	Specialist Foster Carers	Drug, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Practitioners

**Please contact us if your job role and/or title does not appear on this list, the list has been designed for guidance purposes only.*



Delivery Model

3-days of classroom-based training is allocated to the face to face element of the programme schedule. Pre-course preparation is required (see below) and learners **must** achieve all 3 credits from the 2 mandatory components.

The **NOCN Level 3 Award in Undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews for Children** is a **3** credit qualification with a Total Qualification Time (TQT) of 30 hours, including 21 Guided Learning Hours (GLH).

The assessment for the NOCN Level 3 Award in Undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews for Children is assessed through the production of an assignment, and three case studies, with associated interview reports. Assessments are completed under assessor led class-based conditions.

The assessment method for this qualification is Pass or Fail. Certification will be awarded upon successful moderation of the assessment specification, usually within 8 – 10 weeks of course completion.

Training Attendance and Pricing

Bookings are inclusive of the following:

1. Learner registration with NOCN at the point of application
2. Qualification Certification upon successful completion of the course
3. All course materials and associated resources
4. Lunch and refreshments across the 3-days scheduled
5. A relaxed, creative and engaging training schedule developed and designed with children's safety and well-being at the heart of the delivery model

Total Qualification Cost: £695.00.

Training Commencement

The Qualification training schedule is based on a maximum of a 14-candidate cohort to ensure that the training quality and competency requirements are protected as part of this intense qualification schedule and *to support a fully inclusive delivery model for candidates.*

This rigorously developed qualification, offers evidence-informed assurances, to further support key professionals in their duty to protect, or further protect children from risk and harm.



Qualification Booking

To schedule training for identified practitioners and relevant professionals within your organisation, or to secure an individual place on the next scheduled course, please email info@shropshirealt.org.uk for booking procedures.

If you would like any further information on this training course, or any of our other services please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours sincerely

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Running Ahead™

An Interviewer Tool Box and The Running Ahead™ Practice Guide, inclusive of the Missing Return Interview Framework, developed through the RELATIONSHIPS© Model, will soon be available by separate purchase. (More details to follow due to publishing timescales.)