



Dear Colleague,

Re: Level 3 Award in Undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews for Children

Thank you for requesting training delivery information for the above Level 3 qualification.

Our training specification is fully aligned to the Department for Education's Statutory guidance on Children who Run Away or go Missing from Home or Care (2014).

Statutory guidance requires 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.

Running Ahead™

Our nationally accredited training programme offers learners access to our high quality, child-centered, **Missing Return Interview Framework**. This Framework has been robustly developed to proactively engage children and young people with the purpose of identifying and reporting any harm a child may have suffered whilst absent from home and/or care, and to try to understand and address the 'push pull' factors surrounding the child's missing episode through our child-focused **RELATIONSHIPS© Model**.

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 evidence-based and carefully designed qualification aims to provide further safeguards and proactive support to children that are vulnerable and at risk of harm, further harm and exploitation, whilst validating and quality assuring practitioner competence for those undertaking Independent Missing Return Interviews.

The qualification is a 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 their qualification outcome.

This qualification is recommended requirement for those with responsibility for children that run away and go missing from home and/or care.



This 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	Foster Carers	Drug, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Practitioners

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to have the following as entry requirements:

1. A minimum of a Level 2 English Qualification
2. Minimum Level 2 Safeguarding Qualification (Please enquire to SALT if required)
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)
5. An understanding/awareness of childhood development, adversity, attachment and trauma.



Delivery Model

3-days classroom-based training is allocated to the face to face element of the programme schedule. Pre-course preparation will be required 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, in the format of interview reports, produced by the learner. The assessment method for this qualification is Pass or Fail.

Pricing

Pricing includes 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
6. The **Running Ahead™** Practice Guide inclusive of the **Missing Return Interview Framework** and the carefully designed **RELATIONSHIPS©** Model will be available to purchase separately. (More details to follow due to publishing timescales)

Total Training Cost: £595 per learner

Training Commencement

The Qualification training schedule is being prepared to commence in the Autumn Term 2018. Training delivery will be based on a 16-candidate cohort only to ensure that the training quality and competency requirements are protected as part of this intense qualification schedule.

The Checkfront online booking system will be used to ensure that your booking requirements can be met. ***Bookings and venue location will open on the SALT website on the 29th June 2018, for the West Midlands cohort.***

This is a 3-day intensive training course. Dates will be scheduled for 3-days during week commencing 17th September 2018. The Qualification and Assessment Specification can be found [HERE](#).

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



Please note that due to early expressions of interest we are expecting a high demand for places once the Checkfront booking system opens for 2018/19.

Courses are firmly limited to 16 learners per cohort to support an inclusive delivery model, so early booking will be essential to avoid disappointment.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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