*Supplementary material 1*: Academic and Grey literature search terms and strategies by database

A breakdown of the search terms and strategies used in each of the 19 academic databases and for the grey literature search. List of the inclusion and exclusion criteria used for the academic literature search.

**Academic searches**

*Sociological abstracts (via Proquest)*

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*APA Psycinfo (via OVID interface)*

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*Academic Search Complete, OAIster, SocINDEX with Full Text, CINAHL Plus with Full Text, Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, MEDLINE, ProjectMUSE, Business Source Complete, Education Research Complete, University of Alberta Library, ERIC, Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition, Criminal Justice Abstracts, Science Direct, Directory of Open Access Journals, and Family Studies Abstracts (via the University of Alberta Library)*

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**Academic inclusion and exclusion criteria**

Inclusion criteria:

1. Any of the following terms/phrases:
   1. “Return home interview(s)” / “return-home interview(s)”,
   2. “Return to home interview(s)”,
   3. “Return interview(s)”,
   4. “Safe and well check(s)”,
   5. “Police return interview(s)”,
   6. “Prevention interview(s)”,
   7. Debrief(s),
   8. “Return home welfare interview(s)”,
   9. “Welfare interview(s)”
   10. “Return interview assessment(s)”,
   11. “Social service assessment(s)”,
   12. “Return conversation(s)”,
   13. “Exit interview(s)”,
   14. “Exit protocol(s)”,
   15. “Follow up interview(s)” / “follow-up interview(s)”,
   16. “Follow up protocol(s)” / “follow-up protocol(s)”,
   17. Or a term/phrase used in the same/similar context as a return home interview.
2. Any of the following terms/phrases:
   1. Missing or lost
      1. Person(s),
      2. People,
      3. Women/woman,
      4. Men/man,
      5. Child/children,
      6. Teen(s),
      7. Adolescent(s),
      8. Or adult(s).
   2. Run away(s) or runaway(s).
3. Any research method or design including single studies using quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods, as well as literature reviews or meta-analyses.
4. Any source of material found via the academic search including peer reviewed journals, books or book chapters, conference abstracts, published dissertations and theses, commentaries, editorials, and research reports by government researchers or non-government organizations.
5. Published in any year.
6. Published in any language.

Exclusion criteria:

1. The terms/phrases from inclusion criteria #1 are **not** in the following context:
   1. A missing person event occurred resulting in the missing person returning home or being found alive leading to the collection of information (any method of data collection) from the missing person by a service/organization representative shortly after the missing person event.
2. Does not include enough information.
3. Paper not available.
   1. Electronic copy unavailable and physical copy unavailable due to COVID-19.
   2. Unable to find paper.
      1. Citation is incorrect.
      2. Not enough information is given about the paper to locate it.

**Grey literature searches**

**Source selection**

We searched the grey literature by conducting a keyword search using Google.ca Incognito Mode and Google.ca Advanced Search, and keyword searching websites identified by a Google.ca Incognito search and the University of Waterloo Library Social Work research guide.

**Google.ca Incognito search**

Using Google.ca Incognito Mode, we searched the grey literature. The search strategy involved searching the keywords “Return Home Interview\*” and scanning the first 5 pages of results. The websites identified to be further searched are summarized below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name | Website address |
| Missing People | https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/ |
| Runaway Helpline | https://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk/ |
| The Children’s Society | https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/ |
| Social Value UK | http://www.socialvalueuk.org/ |
| Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership | https://www.kscmp.org.uk/ |
| Safeguarding Hub | https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/ |
| National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children | https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ |
| Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership | https://croydonlcsb.org.uk/ |
| Healthy Surrey | https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/ |
| National Working Group Network for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People | https://www.nwgnetwork.org/ |
| National Youth Advocacy Service | https://www.nyas.net/ |
| Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership | https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/Home |
| Worcestershire County Council | http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/ |
| Baking & Joy Community Interest Company | http://www.baker-and-joy.co.uk/ |
| Coram Voice | https://coramvoice.org.uk/ |
| Hampshire County Council | https://www.hants.gov.uk/ |
| Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership | https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/ |
| Leeds City Council | https://www.leeds.gov.uk/ |
| Barnardo’s | https://www.barnardos.org.uk/ |
| Waltham Forest Council | https://thehub-beta.walthamforest.gov.uk/ |
| National Children’s Bureau | https://www.ncb.org.uk/ |
| Hertfordshire City Council | https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx |
| Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board | http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk |
| Warwickshire Safeguarding | https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/ |
| Wigan Council | https://www.wigan.gov.uk/index.aspx |
| Greater Manchester Police | https://www.gmp.police.uk/ |
| Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board | https://www.centralbedfordshirelscb.org.uk/lscb-website/home-page |
| Safer Caring Consultants | https://www.safercaringconsultants.co.uk/ |
| Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership | https://surreyscb.procedures.org.uk/ |
| Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner | https://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/ |
| United Kingdom Government | https://www.gov.uk/ |

An additional Google.ca Incognito Mode search was done to expand the search in one country to follow up with information identified in other sources. The keywords used in the search included the following:

1. Return home interviews
2. Scotland

The first page of results were scanned.

**University of Waterloo Social Work Research Guide**

The online research guide was reviewed, and key potential sources of grey literature were identified for further searching. When searching the identified sources, the following keywords were used:

1. Return home interview
2. Return interview
3. Interview

**Google.ca Advanced search**

Using Google.ca Advanced Search, we searched the websites identified when using Google.ca Incognito Mode (shown in Table 1). The search strategy used in Google.ca Advanced Search is as follows:

Find pages with…

all of these words: interview

any of these words: missing-person missing-persons missing-people

Then narrow your results by…

site or domain:

The first page of results for each search was scanned.

**Website keyword search**

The websites that were keyword searched are summarized below.

The keywords used in the search included the following:

1. Return home interview
2. Return interview
3. Interview

The first page of results for each search was scanned.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name | Website address |
| Missing People | https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/ |
| Runaway Helpline | https://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk/ |
| The Children’s Society | https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/ |
| Social Value UK | http://www.socialvalueuk.org/ |

**Extra resources identified**

Sources identified using the Google.ca Incognito Mode search, the Google.ca Advanced search and the keyword searching websites included links to further key grey sources. Each extra source was reviewed.

**Study selection process**

Instead of using a reference management software, we used Microsoft Excel to keep track of our research records. We based our search record template off of the *Grey Literature Search Plan Template* developed by the University of Waterloo librarian, Jackie Stapleton. While searching the grey literature, LM kept track of each search done, including the database used, the search strategy, the number of results, the number of results identified for further screening, and the URL. Each source identified for further screening was assigned an identification number.

*Supplementary material 2*: Data extraction

A list of what data was extracted from the academic and grey literature.

**Academic literature extraction details**

1. **Information about return home interviews (RHIs)**
   1. Who, what, when, where, how
   2. Who refers to who conducts the RHIs, with which population, and who else is present during the interview. What looks at name, definition, and purpose of RHIs, as well as questions asked, type of information collected, and what happens after the RHIs. When refers to timing of interview relative to missing incident and where refers to both geographic location and setting of the interview. Finally, how refers to the process followed in the RHIs and the use of technology.
2. **Source**
   1. For academic sources, information was collected about reference type and article details as well as study aims and design.
   2. For grey sources, information was collected about type of source, location, publisher, author, country, parent website, etc.
3. **Definitions**
   1. Definitions included that of a missing person, a repeat missing incident, and any other additional definitions provided.

**Grey literature extraction template**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Information about the source | Type of source |
| URL |
| Title |
| Author |
| Publisher |
| Date of publication |
| Parent website |
| Country |
| City/Region/Municipality |
| Information about return home interviews | Who is conducting return home interviews? |
| With whom are return home interviews conducted? |
| Who else is present during return home interviews? |
| What are return home interviews referred to? |
| What is the given/used definition of return home interviews? |
| What is the purpose of conducting return home interviews? |
| What questions are asked during return home interviews? |
| What other data are being collected to supplement information obtained during return home interviews? |
| What happens after return home interviews are conducted? |
| When are return home interviews conducted? |
| Where are return home interviews conducted? (geographic location) |
| Where are return home interviews conducted? (physical space) |
| How are return home interviews conducted? |
| How is technology used to conduct return home interviews? |
| Definitions | Missing person |
| Repeat missing incident |
| Additional definitions |
| Additional information | Does the party conducting return home interviews have a missing person registry/database? |
| Additional notes |

*Supplementary material 3:* Interview guide in detail

**Preface:**

Return home interviews are common in the UK, and are dialogues between first responders or service providers and a returned missing person. Return home interviews are conducted with a purpose of reducing repeat missing incidents and typically involve connecting the returned person to community support services. To our knowledge, return home interviews are not commonly adopted in Canada. However, elements of return home interviews may exist in “safety”, “wellness” or “welfare” checks, or other types of follow-ups conducted by Canadian services/organizations that work with returned missing persons living with dementia.

**Interview questions:**

1. Please describe your experience with returned missing persons living with dementia.
2. Does your Service/Organization conduct safety/wellness/welfare checks/other follow-ups? (If yes, continue to a, if no, continue to 4)
   1. What is the purpose of these checks/follow-ups in your Service/Organization?
   2. What protocols exist for these checks/follow-ups?
      1. What are the essential elements of these protocols?
      2. Where are these protocols being implemented?
      3. In your experience, what method of conducting these checks/follow-ups work best? What protocols work best?
         * Why?
      4. What method would work for an older adult with dementia?
      5. Does COVID-19 change any of these protocols?
         * What aspects of the protocol need to be considered regarding COVID-19?
   3. How are these checks/follow-ups conducted?
      1. By whom are these checks/follow-ups conducted?
      2. With whom are these checks/follow-ups conducted?
      3. Where are these checks/follow-ups conducted?
      4. Within what timeframe are these checks/follow-ups conducted?
      5. What questions are asked?
         * What is the purpose of asking these questions?
      6. Is there any use of technology?
      7. What elements need to be done in person?
   4. What data is collected during these checks/follow-ups?
3. What strategies, services, and supports are offered as a follow up to safety/wellness/welfare checks/other follow-ups, if any?
   1. Are the same strategies, services and supports offered to all persons?
      1. If not, how is it decided which strategies, services and supports will be offered?
4. Within your Service/Organization, what services/supports exist for found missing persons?
   1. What are the essential elements of these services/supports?
   2. Is data collected?
      1. If yes, how?
      2. If yes, where is it stored?
      3. What other data is being collected to supplement information obtained?
         * Why are these extra data being collected?
      4. How are these data used?
5. How could follow up with returned missing persons be improved?
6. What do you think of the concept of return home interviews as they exist in the UK?

*Supplementary material 4*: Scoping review summary result tables 1-4

Table S1

*Academic summary table 1*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Author and Year | Study category (with whom are the return home interviews conducted) | Cohort Gender n (%) | Cohort/"participant" Medical conditions | Study type | Study design |
| Crosland & Dunlap, 2014 | Children/Youth | No information | No information | Review | No information |
| Hill et al., 2014 | Female 90 (59) Male 62 (41) | Mental health problems | Review | Case study |
| Hedges, 2014 | No information | No information | Review | Literature review |
| Crosland et al., 2019 | No information | No information | Theoretical/conceptual/seminal paper or manuscript | Literature review and case example |
| Mitchell et al., 2017 | No information | No information | Original investigation | Case analysis and generic qualitative description |
| Boulton et al, 2022 | Male 70 (62) Female 40 (35)  Not reported 3 (3) | No information | Original investigation | Exploratory analysis |
| Clark et al., 2008 | Female 11 (85) Male 2 (15) | No information | Theoretical/conceptual/seminal paper or manuscript Original investigation | Case control |
| Stevenson & Woolnough, 2016 | Adults | No information | No information | Original investigation | Qualitative case study and qualitative interviews |
| Holmes, 2016 | Mixed | No information | No information | Review | No information |
| Morris, 2010 | No information | No information | Original investigation | Between-subjects |
| Harris & Greene, 2016 | Female 12 (24) Male 38 (76) | No information | Original investigation | Cross-sectional |
| Holmes, 2017 | Not Specified | No information | Mental health problems | Original investigation | Generic qualitative description |

Table S2

*Academic summary table 2*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Author and Year | Study category (with whom are the return home interviews conducted) | Who is conducting return home interviews? | What is the purpose of conducting the return home interviews? | When are the return home interviews conducted? | Where are the return home interviews conducted (general)? | Where are the return home interviews conducted (specific)? | How are the return home interviews conducted? | What are return home interviews referred to as? |
| Crosland & Dunlap, 2014 | Children/Youth | --- | Understand causes Identify support needs | --- | --- | --- | --- | Functional Assessment |
| Hill et al., 2014 | Social worker | Understand causes Identify support needs Confirm safety | Within 72 hours of the missing person returning home | --- | Family home | In-person interviews (multiple) | Return interview |
| Hedges, 2014 | 3rd party provider Other support not specified | Confirm safety Understand causes | --- | --- | --- | --- | Return interview |
| Crosland, Haynes & Clarke, 2019 | Social worker Behaviour analyst Case manager/caseworker Youth support Other support not specified | Understand causes | At a time agreed upon between the interviewer and interviewee | --- | --- | In-person interviews (multiple or single) | Functional Assessment |
| Mitchell, Malloch & Burgess, 2017 | Police officers Other police employees not specified | Understand causes | Within 5 days of the missing person returning home | Scotland | Family home  Foster care placement  Residential placement  School | In-person (single event) | Return interview |
| Boulton et al, 2022 | Local authority exploitation teams  Children’s social care teams  Independent  commissioned service  Other support not specified | Confirm safety Understand causes Prevent future missing incidents | Between the day the person returned and 24 days (average 5 days) | England | --- | In-person interview (single event) | Return home interview |
| Clark et al, 2008 | Behaviour Analyst Caseworker | Understand causes | --- | Florida, USA | --- | In-person interview (number not specified) | Functional Assessment |
| Stevenson & Woolnough, 2016 | Adults | Police Other support not specified | Improve coping | --- | --- | --- | --- | Return interview |
| Holmes, 2016 | Mixed | Police | Identify support needs Secure supports | After Police conduct a Safe and Well Check | --- | --- | --- | Return interview |
| Morris, 2010 | Police Social workers Other support not specified | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | Return interview |
| Harris & Greene, 2016 | Police Social Workers | Understand causes Prevent future missing incidents | --- | England | --- | In-person interview (number not specified) | Return interview |
| Holmes, 2017 | Not specified | Police | Confirm safety Understand causes Prevent future missing incidents | Within 72 hours of the missing person returning home | --- | --- | In-person interview (number not specified) | Return interview Safe and Well Check Debrief |

Table S3

*Grey literature summary table 1*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Source category (with whom are the return home interviews conducted) | Number of sources n (%) | Type of Source (e.g., webpage, PDF, etc.)  n (%) | Publisher (Organization/company/government/etc.)  n (%) | Where are the return home interviews conducted (general)? n (%) | What is the purpose of conducting return home interviews?  n (%) | What are return home interviews referred to as? |
| Children/ Youth | 61 (65) | Webpage 26 (43)  Document download 35 (57) | Missing People 14 (22) English Coalition for Runaway Children 3 (5) runaway helpline 3 (5) The Children's Society 17 (26) Railway Children 1 (2) Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership 6 (9) Department for Education 1 (2) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures 1 (2) Government of BC 1 (2) Metro Vancouver Transit Police 1 (2) London Safeguarding Children Board 1 (2) Worcestershire Virtual School 1 (2) Worcestershire Children First 1 (2) Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) 1 (2) The Church in Wales 1 (2) Michigan State Police 1 (2) Catch 22 1 (2) ECPAT UK 1 (2) Kent Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) 1 (2) Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) 1 (2) National Youth Advocacy Service 2 (3) The Young Lives Foundation (UK) 1 (2) The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults 1 (2) No information 3 (5) | No information 29 (45) United Kingdom 6 (9) England 20 (31) Scotland 2 (3) Wales 3 (5) Ireland 1 (2) USA (Michigan) 1 (2) Canada (BC) 2 (3) | No information 12 (8)  Understand causes of missing incident and risk factors 31 (20)  Understand what happened during the missing incident 26 (17)  Provide support 48 (31)  Prevent future missing incidents specific to missing persons who are returned home 22 (14)  Confirm safety and welfare 8 (5)  Provide opportunity for disclosure and processing of the incident 5 (3)  Understand the current situation following return 5 (3) | No information 3 (4) Return Interview 18 (23) Return Discussion 1 (1) Debrief 2 (3) Return Home Interview 27 (36) Independent Return Interview 8 (10) Independent Return Home Interview 7 (9) Follow up visit 1 (1) Safe and Well Check 4 (5) Return to Home Interview 1 (1) Interview 4 (5) Independent Interview 1 (1) Missing Person's Return Interview 1 (1) |
| Adults | 5 (5) | Webpage 3 (60) Document download 2 (40) | Missing people 4 (80) All-Party Groups/APPG 1 (20) | No information 2 (40) United Kingdom 3 (60) | No information 1 (9)  Understand causes of missing incident and risk factors 1 (9)  Understand what happened during the missing incident 2 (18)  Provide support 4 (36)  Prevent future missing incidents specific to missing persons who are returned home 3 (27) | Return Home Interview 1 (14) Return Interview 4 (57) Prevention Interview 2 (29) |
| Mixed | 21 (23) | Webpage 7 (33)  Document download 14 (67) | Missing people 9 (39) University of Glasgow 1 (4) Northamptonshire Police 1 (4) Southend on Sea Adult Protection 1 (4) Essex Safeguarding Adults Board 1 (4) Thurrock Safeguarding Adults 1 (4) Policing and Reducing Crime 1 (4) Missing Women Commission of Inquiry 1 (4) Saskatchewan Provincial Partnership Committee on Missing Persons 1 (4) Christopher Young 1 (4) Either the Forensic Psychology Unit, Goldsmiths University of London or the Missing Persons Unit, National Crime Agency 1 (4) No information 4 (17) | No information 8 (35) United Kingdom 5 (22) England 5 (22) Scotland 1 (4) Wales 1 (4) Australia 1 (4) USA (Hattiesburg) 1 (4) Canada (Saskatchewan) 1 (4) | No information 7 (13)  Understand causes of missing incident and risk factors 10 (19)  Understand what happened during the missing incident 12 (23)  Provide support 10 (19)  Prevent future missing incidents specific to missing persons who are returned home 10 (19)  Confirm safety and welfare 4 (8) | No information 4 (13) Return Interview 5 (17) Return Home Interview 4 (13) Safe and Well Check 4 (13) Missing Person Found Report 1 (3) Vulnerability Interview 1 (3) Independent Return Interview 2 (7) Interview 4 (13) Welfare Interview 1 (3) Prevention Interview 1 (3) Post-search Interview 1 (3) Return Discussion 1 (3) Debrief 1 (3) |
| Not Specified | 7 (8) | Webpage 5 (71) Document download 2 (29) | Missing people 4 (50) Kent Safeguarding Children multi-agency partnership 1 (13) NGW 1 (13) Scottish Government 1 (13) Worcestershire Children and Young People 1 (13) | No information 4 (57) Scotland 1 (14) England 2 (29) | No information 5 (45)  Provide support 1 (9)  Understand cases of missing incident and risk factors 2 (18)  Provide opportunity for disclosure and processing of the incident 1 (9)  Prevent future missing incidents specific to missing persons who are returned home 1 (9)  Confirm safety and welfare 1 (9) | No information 2 (22) Return Interview 1 (11) Return Home Interview 3 (33) Return to Care Interview 1 (11) Return Discussion 1 (11) Welfare Return Home Interview 1 (11) |
| Total | 94 | Webpage 41 (44) Document download 53 (56)  Total: 94 | Missing People 31 (31) The Children's Society 17 (17) Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership 6 (6) English Coalition for Runaway Children 3 (3) runaway helpline 3 (3) National Youth Advocacy Service 2 (2) The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults 2 (2) Railway Children 1 (1) Department for Education 1 (1) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures 1 (1) Government of BC 1 (1) Metro Vancouver Transit Police 1 (1) London Safeguarding Children Board 1 (1) Worcestershire Virtual School 1 (1) Worcestershire Children First 1 (1) Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) 1 (1) The Church in Wales1 (1) Michigan State Police 1 (1) Catch 22 1 (1) ECPAT UK 1 (1) Kent Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) 1 (1) Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) 1 (1) The Young Lives Foundation (UK) 1 (1) University of Glasgow 1 (1) Northamptonshire Police 1 (1) Southend on Sea Adult Protection 1 (1) Essex Safeguarding Adults Board 1 (1) Thurrock Safeguarding Adults 1 (1) Policing and Reducing Crime 1 (1) Missing Women Commission of Inquiry 1 (1) Saskatchewan Provincial Partnership Committee on Missing Persons 1 (1) Christopher Young 1 (1) Either the Forensic Psychology Unit, Goldsmiths University of London or the Missing Persons Unit, National Crime Agency 1 (1) Kent Safeguarding Children multi-agency partnership 1 (1) NGW 1 (1) Scottish Government 1 (1) Worcestershire Children and Young People 1 (1) No information 7 (7)  Total: 101 | No information 43 (43) United Kingdom 14 (14) England 27 (27) Scotland 4 (4) Wales 4 (4) Ireland 1 (1) USA (Michigan; Hattiesburg) 2 (2) Canada (BC; Saskatchewan) 3 (3) Australia 1 (1)  Total: 99 | No information 25 (12)  Understand causes of missing incident and risk factors 44 (23)  Provide support 45 (24)  Prevent future missing incidents specific to missing persons who are returned home 36 (19)  Prevent future missing incidents in the community 1 (1)  Understand what happened during the missing incident 41 (22)  Provide opportunity for disclosure and processing of the incident 6 (3)  Confirm safety and welfare 13 (7)  Understand the current situation following return 5 (3)  Total: 216 | No information 9 (7) Return Interview 28 (22) Return Discussion 3 (2) Debrief 3 (2) Return Home Interview 35 (28) Independent Return Interview 10 (8) Independent Return Home Interview 7 (6) Follow up visit 1 (1) Safe and Well Check 8 (6) Prevention interview 3 (2) Return to Home Interview 1 (1) Interview 8 (6) Independent Interview 1 (1) Missing Person's Return Interview 1 (1) Missing person found report 1 (1) Vulnerability interview 1 (1) Welfare interview 1 (1) Welfare return home interview 1 (1) Prevention interview 1 (1) Post-search interview 1 (1) Return to care interview 1 (1)  Total:125 |

Table S4

*Grey literature summary table 2*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Source category (with whom are the return home interviews conducted) | Who is conducting the return home interviews (organization)? n (%) | Who is conducting the return home interviews (profession)? n (%) | How are the return home interviews conducted? (Modality used) n (%) | When are the return home interviews conducted? n (%) | Where are the return home interviews conducted? (Specifics) n (%) | Questions - what is asked? n (%) | Questions - How are they asked? n (%) |
| Children/Youth | Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VSCE) organizations 1 (1) Voluntary agencies/volunteer sector organization 2 (3) Police 11 (15) Government Social services 6 (8)  Local Authority 6 (8) Charity 28 (38) No information 19 (26) | Someone the missing person knows/chooses/has a strong relationship with 3 (4) Caregiver 1 (1) Health professional 1 (1) Victim services worker 1 (1) Outreach worker 1 (1) transit police 1 (1) Staff from children’s' services 1 (1) Indigenous support worker 1 (1) In-house worker 1 (1) Social worker 7 (9) teacher 1 (1) Checkpoint person 1 (1) Charity worker 2 (3) Independent person 24 (30) No information 33 (42) | No information 58 (95) Face-to-face 1 (2) One-on-one 1(2) 20 question form filled out by hand or computer 1 (2) | No information 39 (64) Within 72 hours of the missing person returning home 18 (30) After a recent missing incident 1 (2) After a person who was missing returns 2 (3) After a safe and well check has been completed 1 (2) | No information 58 (95) At home 1 (2) Outside the missing person's home; school, church, community centre 2 (3) | No information 51 (72) Lived experience during incident 7 (10) Causes of or contributing factors to missing incident 6 (8) Post-incident supports and services to manage risk of future incidents 4 (6) Information about the search, rescue, and recovery of the person 1 ((1) History on missing incidents 2 (3) | No information 59 (95) Open ended questions 2 (3) Forced choice questions 1 (2) |
| Adults | No information 5 (100) | Independent person 2 (40) No information 3 (60) | No information 5 (100) | No information 4 (80) After a person who was missing returns 1 (20) | Not reported 5 (100) | No information 4 (67) Causes of or contributing factors to the missing incident 1 (17) Post-incident supports and services to manage risk of future incidents 1 (17) | No information 5 (100) |
| Mixed | Voluntary agencies/volunteer sector organization 2 (8) Police 12 (46) Agency 1 (4) Local Authority 2 (8) Charity 1 (4) No information 8 (31) | Someone the missing person knows/chooses/has a strong relationship with 1 (4) police officer 1 (4) Volunteer/NGO representative 1 (4) Staff from children’s' services 1 (4) Social worker 2 (8) Search and rescue responders 1 (4) Independent person 3 (12) No information 15 (60) | No information 20 (95) Electronic or physical uniform form 1 (5) | No information 12 (57) Within 72 hours of the missing person returning home 3 (14) After a person who was missing returns 4 (19) 2 weeks after the missing person has returned 1 (5) Within 24 hours of a missing person returning 1 (5) | No information 20 (95) At home 1 (4) Outside the missing person's home 1 (4) | No information 15 (50) Lived experience during incident 6 (20) Causes of or contributing factors to missing incident 5 (17) Post-incident supports and services to manage risk of future incidents 2 (7) Information about the search, rescue, and recovery of the person 2 (7) | No information 20 (90) Open ended questions 1 (5) Forced choice questions 1 (5) |
| Not Specified | Police 1 (13) Charity 2 (25) No information 5 (63) | Someone the missing person knows/chooses/has a strong relationship with 1 (11) Support worker 1 (11) Social worker 1 (11) No information 6 (67) | No information (7) | No information 6 (86) Within one week 1 (14) | No information 6 (86) At home 1 (14) Outside the missing person's home 1 (14) | No information 5 (56) Lived experience during incident 2 (22) Post-incident supports and services to manage risk of future incidents 1 (11) Causes of or contributions to the missing incident 1 (11) | No information (7) |
| Total | Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VSCE) organizations 1 (1) Voluntary agencies/volunteer sector Organization 4 (3) Police 24 (21) Government Social services 6 (5)  Local Authority 8 (7) Charity 31 (28) Agency 1 (1) No information 37 (33)  Total: 112 | Someone the missing person knows/chooses/has a strong relationship with 5 (6) Caregiver 1 (1) Health professional 1 (1) Victim services worker 1 (1) Outreach worker 1 (1) transit police 1 (1) Staff from children’s' services 1 (1) Indigenous support worker 1 (1) In-house worker 1 (1) Social worker 7 (9) teacher 1 (1) Checkpoint person 1 (1) Charity worker 2 (3) Independent person 24 (30) No information 33 (42)  Total: 81 | No information 90 (96) Face-to-face 1 (1) One-on-one 1 (1) 20 question form filled out by hand or computer 1 (1) Electronic or physical uniform form 1 (1)  Total: 94 | No information 61 (65) Within 72 hours of the missing person returning home 21 (22) After a recent missing incident 1 (1) After a person who was missing returns 7 (7) After a safe and well check has been completed 1 (1) 2 weeks after the missing person has returned 1 (1) Within 24 hours of a missing person returning 1 (1) Within one week 1 (1)  Total: 94 | No information 89 (93) At home 3 (3) Outside the missing person's home; school, church, community centre 4 (4)  Total: 96 | No information 75 (65) Lived experience during incident 15 (13) Causes of or contributing factors to missing incident 13 (11) Post-incident supports and services to manage risk of future incidents 8 (7) Information about the search, rescue, and recovery of the person 3 (3) History on missing incidents 2 (2)  Total: 116 | No information 91 (95) Open ended questions 3 (3) Forced choice questions 2 (2)  Total: 96 |