Further to your Information request FOI66785 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. I want to know what RBWM are doing about the hundred of young people reported missing?
   RBWM has set up a combined CSE and Miss Persons Operational Group to look at all those CYP who are reported missing. The group reviews on a monthly basis all children and young people who the police have received reports of missing or absent on.

2. What causes young people to run away?
   The reasons CYP choose to run away from home or care vary widely. Each case is more or less unique and considered on its own merits.

3. How vulnerable are these children?
   CYP who run away from home or care are often very vulnerable, and are treated as a high priority. A return to home interview is undertaken to establish the well being of all CYP.

4. What are RBWM doing to support families to stop children from running away?
   See previous question responses. Each case is treated as an individual case to identify what support might be most appropriate to help families or carers with the ongoing issues that have caused a cyp to run away.

5. How much input does the council have once the children are found? Are the young people interviewed to see whether they have fallen victim to sexual and physical abuse?
   CYP are interviewed on their return. Work to support the families or carers will be identified as part of the follow up to the missing event / episode.

Some figures, so the responses can be made specific. - these figures are thought to have been provided by Thames Valley Police and not RBWM. Between April to March 2014- 272 under 18s were reported missing. 9 of these were missing for longer than one week. 24 were under 13, but the majority were 13 to 15.

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