

Carers Guide for Planning and Preventing a 'Missing Person' Episode

Do you care for someone who has a history of going missing, or is there a likelihood of them being reported missing in the future? Is the person living at home with others or alone in the community? Carers should consider having a plan for ensuring someone is protected . i.e. GPS tracker, identification and information to be ready for sharing when/if needed - i.e. medications, risks, communication techniques, language, etc.

What to do if someone goes Missing

The person fails to return home as expected and they cannot be located, nor their wellbeing confirmed by you or any other family/friend.

You have been unable to locate the person.

The person is located, but there is a concern for their ongoing safety you should report the Missing Episode to the London Borough of Bexley's Adult Social Care Team by emailing screeners@bexley.gov.uk

If the person is deemed to be an adult at risk of harm or poses a risk to the safety of members of the public, dial 999.
Reporting to the Police should be considered especially when the person missing is a vulnerable person i.e. adult with care and support needs or any person under the age of 18.
When reporting the person missing using the information sharing form to fully articulate risk concerns and provide relevant information to locate the person. Continue active enquiries to locate the person and update the police with any new information.

The person has been located safe and well you should report the Missing Episode to the London Borough of Bexley's Adult Social Care Team by emailing screeners@bexley.gov.uk

The police locate the person.

Safeguarding Actions

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The police create a vulnerable persons report. The report will document the circumstances of the person being located/incident, historic missing episodes and current safeguarding concerns. Upon completion, the report will be passed to the relevant Local Authority to evaluate their safeguarding/support plan.

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