

Request Reference: 11994/19

**a) How many instances of missing children did you have reported to you Jan 2017-Jan 2019, by Gender and Location\*. Please can you also indicate how many different children were reported missing for comparison.**

**\*Neighbourhood Policing Unit (i.e. Sandwell, Solihull, Coventry etc.)**

1,640 males between 0-17 years old went missing on 4,219 occasions between 01/01/2017-31/12/2018. Broken down by area as per following table.

1,616 females between 0-17 years old went missing on 5,698 occasions between 01/01/2017-31/12/2018. Broken down by area as per following table.

NPU	Female	Male	Grand Total
Birmingham East	997	756	1,753
Birmingham West	1,171	632	1,803
Coventry	748	563	1,311
Dudley	640	379	1,019
Sandwell	777	835	1,612
Solihull	191	118	309
Walsall	642	330	972
Wolverhampton	532	606	1,138
Grand Total	5,698	4,219	9,917

**b) Do you have any data gathering mechanisms for whether child exploitation happens in particular areas and is this database supported by information gained from information sharing with the local authority?**

Each Local Authority has a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and they report into their safeguarding boards for both missing and exploitation. West Midlands Police record all missing episodes on COMPACT and harm will be recorded on this system.