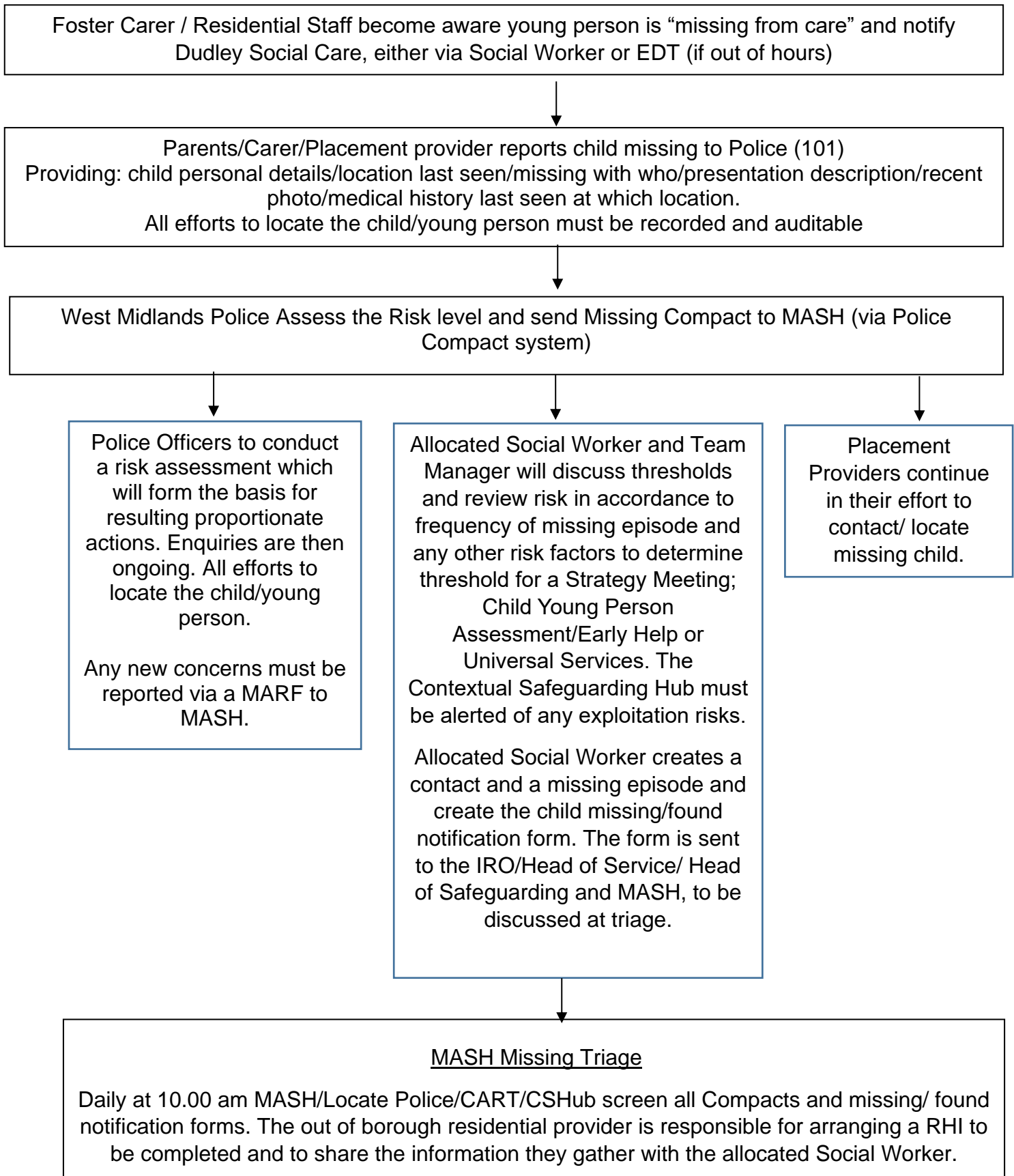


APPENDIX 3

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE – DUDLEY CHILDREN IN CARE MISSING FROM OUTSIDE THE WEST MIDLANDS POLICE FORCE AREA.



MISSING PERSON is located or returns to Placement

When a missing child is located by Police/Carers it is their responsibility to collect the child to the home address. Where a risk is present a Police officer may accompany the family, or the Police may be requested to collect and return the child to the place of residence. Carers must inform the Police when a child returns of their own accord.



The Police may conduct a 'Safe and Well' check to establish missing person's well-being and safety, and to establish whether they were the victim of crime or abuse whilst missing. Any new safeguarding information will be passed to Dudley MASH.
It is the placement provider and Social Workers responsibility to organise a Return Home Interview within 72 hours of the child being found. The Social Worker must update the Child Missing/Found Notification Form and send it to IRO/Head of Service/ Head of Safeguarding and MASH



Any Return Home Interview feedback or information should be recorded on the Return Home Interview form in Liquidlogic by the allocated Social Worker. On completion of this the Social Care Team Manager will finalise the missing episode on Liquidlogic.