

Community Mental Health Teams and the response to missing patients



Up to 4 in 5 missing people
have a mental health problem

Missing People sent a Freedom
of Information Request to 57
Mental Health Trusts.
46 responded.

The research led to 7 key recommendations...



1. CMHTs should work
with the police and
follow the UK Missing
Persons Bureau's
guidance on protecting
vulnerable adults
missing from care



2. Mental Health Trusts
should introduce
policies for responding
to missing and returning
community-based
patients



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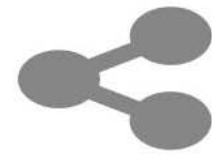
3. All CMHTs
should signpost
patients and
their families to
the charity
Missing People



4. CMHTs should outline
a route back into services
before discharging any
missing patient



5. All returned
missing adults should
be offered an
independent return
interview



6. CMHTs should share
good practice on
responding when a
patient is missing

7. Further research into mental health and missing