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Thank you for your email of 12 June with regard to the implementation of the European telephone number for missing children.

My Conservative colleague Edward McMillan-Scott MEP has been at the forefront of the campaign to bring about a formal emergency cooperation in recovering missing children in the EU.

He informs me that for the time being the 116 000 EU missing child hotline works in six countries; Greece, Hungary, The Netherlands, Portugal and Romania, and Belgium. The Council however have concluded that all Member States should implement the service as soon as possible. I would suggest that you ask your MP to put pressure on the UK Government to act.

I have for your information attached copies of some material relating to what is being done on a European level regarding the issue of a cross-border missing child alert.

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