# Annex 3: Developing the Strategy

From the outset, development of this strategy has been through collaboration. Both a Working Group and a Steering Group were formed by the Scottish Government in 2014 to take this work forward, with membership drawn from a range of stakeholders including Police Scotland, academics, charities such as Missing People, Shelter Scotland and Barnardos, local authority representatives and organisations including the Mental Welfare Commission. The expertise of a wide range of partners has been vital, including the National Missing Persons Bureau and the Home Office, and we will continue to rely on partnership working across agencies, at local and national levels.

Early in 2015 a Proposition Paper provided stakeholders with a draft of the Strategy to get their views on the proposals. The feedback received to this, including from young people affected by running away, then informed further drafting.

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**Scottish Government Missing Persons Working Group**

Members are drawn from Scottish Government policy leads on a range of relevant issues, including child protection, homelessness, elderly care, and education. Police Scotland’s Missing Persons Unit also attend, and academics from the Geographies of Missing People project.

**National Missing Persons Steering Group**

Members are drawn from a cross section of sectors, including voluntary organisations, local authorities, private care sector, Police Scotland, Health, and Scottish Government.

The Group’s remit is to provide a critical steer, expert knowledge and advice, and to help make connections between the diverse range of cross-cutting issues.