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## PRESENTATIONS

**Committee** CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2021, 4.30 PM

Please see attached the Presentation(s) provided at the Committee Meeting

**Item 5** Closer to home/development of accommodations options for children and young people in Cardiff *(Pages 3 - 14)*

**Item 6** Family Drug and Alcohol Court *(Pages 15 - 22)*

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# Childrens Services Closer to Home October 2021

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Agenda Item 5

# Closer to home

We have a moral duty to place children and young people closer to home. Local placements enable contact with family, consistency of education, friends, social relationships and helps with a sense of identity.

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Services are better co-ordinated to meet the needs of children and young people.

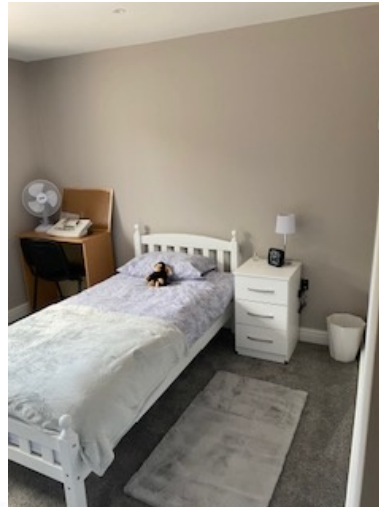


# New In house developments

## Falconwood

- 3 bed unit
- CIW registered August 2021
- 12 week assessment of young persons need
- Multi agency approach
- Reunification home/Foster Care or Residential to meet need
- 3 young people in residence

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# New in house developments

## Oakway

- 3 bed unit
  - CIW registration October 2021
  - Emergency pop up for out of hours/emergency placement
- Full staff team in place to respond to need

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# New in house developments



## Colum Road

- 6 bedroom assessment unit or Unaccompanied Asylum seeking children
- Unregistered – aged 16+ supported living
- Partnership with Salvation Army
- Operational December 2021

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# Existing In House Development

- Modernisation of:
  - Crosslands Childrens Home



## – Ty Storrie Respite Provision

Early stages of design, both schemes with architects

Additional respite units x 2 for those young people with additional learning need





# Future Developments

Ambitious programme to develop:

1 x further 3 bed Assessment Centre

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2 x 3/4 bed Residential

1 x Edge of Care home

Mixture of privately purchased homes and collaboration with Housing Development Team for opportunities on new housing schemes



# Future Developments

## Funding

Successful bids via ICF fund for:

Project	ICF £M
Children and Young Persons Assessment Centres	0.455
Accommodation for Edge of Care & Assessments	0.455
Respite & Short Breaks Accommodation	1.150

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Together with 1.5M available through capital investment.



# Young Persons Gateway



Spend to save bid to increase accommodation options for 16+

4 x 4 bedroom supported accommodation

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2 x 4 bedroom delivered and operational

Further 2 units to be delivered in year

Mix of step down from residential and return from out of county



# Partnership Working

New provision due to open January/February  
2022

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Cyncoed 1 x 4 bed

Planning to ensure we maximise usage subject  
to matching



# Any questions ?



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# FDAC

- The Family Drug and Alcohol Court helps families where children are put at risk by parental substance misuse.
- Proceedings in FDAC are care proceedings, issued by the LA in the usual way
- Proceedings follow the Public Law Outline, with some exceptions
- As with all care proceedings, the aim in FDAC is to complete cases within 26 weeks if the children will not be returning home
- The judge in court may grant an extension beyond 26 weeks if this would be in the interests of justice. Extension likely to be applied for and granted if more time is needed to test stability of the child's return home.
- FDAC is a problem solving court where the same judge reviews the case every fortnight and is supported by an independent multi-disciplinary Intervention Team. FDAC works with the whole family while keeping the child central. Parents are given 'a trial for change' that provides them with the best possible chance to overcome their problems. At the same time FDAC tests whether the family can make enough change in a timescale compatible with the children's needs.



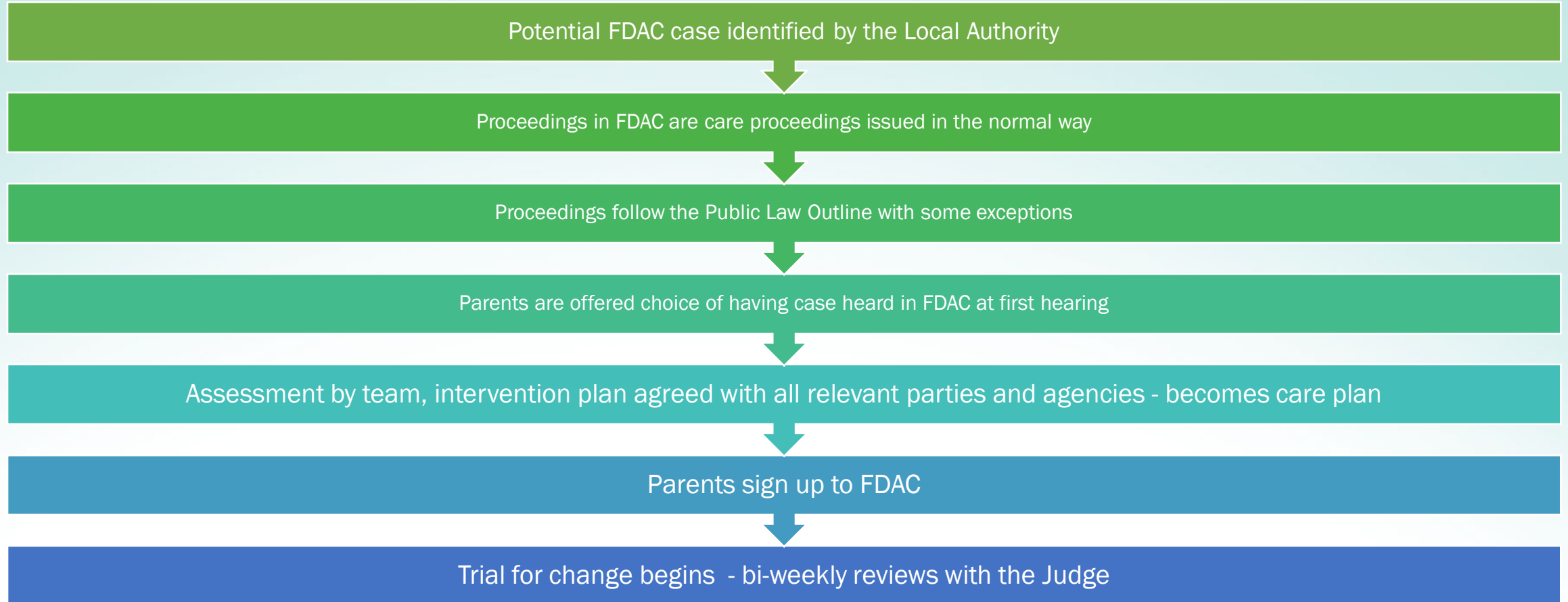
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- the FDAC Intervention Team will help the parties agree a plan which is given the court's authority at the second Court hearing (Further Case Management Hearing FCMH) usually at the 2nd or 3rd week in proceedings
- The same District Judge, or one of a small team of District Judges, will oversee the whole process and offer support and encouragement. Non lawyer reviews – fortnightly review hearings, without lawyers present
- FDAC Intervention team is a multidisciplinary team, which includes: Child Protection Social Workers,, Substance Misuse Specialists There is also a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, an Adult Psychiatrist and Therapists attached to the team. a domestic abuse expert. FDAC will have named links in the Housing and Domestic Abuse Teams within the Local Authority and elsewhere





# FDAC



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- Local authority retains responsibility for the child, and the child continues to have own social worker.
- Social workers attend key FDAC planning meetings (IPMs), and court hearings (including the non-lawyer reviews).
- Lawyers represent the parties, as in standard proceedings, but once the case is underway they don't attend non-lawyer reviews.
- Guardians have their usual role, but should attend the initial IPM, to be part of the discussion about the intervention plan. They are welcome at non-lawyer reviews, though regular attendance may not be possible.



# FDAC



# FDAC

- **Multi-disciplinary**
- The specialist team needs to have a mix of professionals with different backgrounds to deliver its intensive, psychologically-informed intervention
- **Co-Located**
- It is important that the team members are located in the same office in order to share expertise and work together on cases
- **Independence**  
Even though the team may be commissioned by the local authority, or located within it, it should have a degree of independence from children's social care
- **Joint Commissioning**  
Although children's services have tended to take the lead in commissioning the FDAC specialist team there is a strong case for joint commissioning with public health, CCGs and PCCs



# FDAC

- 2-year pilot, part-funded by Welsh Government
- Operational November 2021, practitioner training confirmed for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> November. Stakeholder event planned for November 2021
- Will sit alongside the existing IFST service
- Judge Parry is the lead FDAC judge. The dedicated court day is Friday
- Steering group and operational group providing governance and scrutiny
- Staffing model: Team Manager, Social Worker, Substance Misuse Worker, Mental Health Worker, Psychologist, Business Support
- Conversations occurring with the OPCC and National Lottery Wales
- CASCADE at Cardiff University have been appointed as independent evaluators



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