

Julie Morgan MS
Deputy Minister for Social Services

25 September 2023

Cardiff and Vale Family Drug and Alcohol Court Pilot

Dear Julie,

We have been advised that the Cardiff and Vale Family Drug and Alcohol Court Pilot (FDAC) has been terminated. This is, of course, deeply worrying to the Committee.

As you will recall, we sought clear assurances, at our recent scrutiny session on 14 September about the pilot's funding. We were pleased to hear from you and your officials that this was not an area where the Welsh Government was looking to make savings as part of the current in year changes to the Welsh Government's 2023/24 budget.

You will also be aware that one of the twelve 'radical reforms' in our [recent report on services for care experienced children](#) is the long term roll-out of the FDAC as follows:

Subject to a successful full evaluation, roll out the problem solving court model (The Family Drug and Alcohol Court model, or 'FDAC') across Wales.

It is clearly very concerning therefore to be informed that not only will the FDAC not continue in the long term but that the pilot itself is to end early, with uncertainty around the current active cases and what this means for those children and their families.

Due to the timeliness of this issue, we would appreciate a response as soon as possible as to what Welsh Government is doing to secure both the short and long term future of the FDAC, as you told

us was your intention on 14 September. We are also writing to both Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan councils to express our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jayne" and the surname "Bryant" clearly distinguishable.

Jayne Bryant MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.