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Jayne Bryant, MS
Chair
Children, Young People and Education Committee
Welsh Parliament,
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Dear Jayne,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September about the Cardiff and Vale Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC) Pilot which we also discussed when we met on 3 October.

I appreciate the concerns of the Committee regarding our decision not to provide additional funding to extend the pilot for a further year. I must assure you that funding has not been reduced for the FDAC pilot, the project has come to its scheduled end which was set for November 2023.

I want to reassure you specifically about the families who are already being supported through the FDAC which you have highlighted as a particular concern. We have been assured by Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan local authorities that all the families currently supported by the pilot will continue to be supported.

One family may need an extension to their support if this happens the local authority have informed us that a community intervention plan will be recommended with FDAC trained staff within the regional Integrated Family Support (IFST) team continuing to provide support to the family.

The final evaluation of the FDAC Pilot, scheduled for early in 2024 will provide evidence to inform Government of the benefits and challenges of a further roll out of FDAC. It will be vital to understand how the FDAC model and principles can best be used and tailored to maximise the positive impact of the FDAC in the Welsh context.

The evaluation will ensure we are in an informed position to make the right decisions for children and young people.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope the Committee have found my reply helpful in responding to their concerns, particularly in regard to support for families who are currently on the Pilot and highlighting how we will be using the evaluation to inform future decisions in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Julie', is positioned below the closing 'Yours sincerely'.

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