

Terms of Reference and Membership of the Family Justice Network for Wales

Background:

1. In response to the recommendations of the Family Justice Review, a Family Justice Board ('the Board') has been established to oversee and drive performance improvements across the family justice system in England and Wales.
2. To support the Board the Family Justice Network for Wales (the Network) has been set up. The Network brings together key players from within the family justice system in Wales to provide a community of understanding and common purpose in overseeing, coordinating and delivering improvement of services and outcomes for children and families in Wales.

Terms of Reference for the Family Justice Network in Wales:

- To review and analyse system performance of devolved aspects of the family justice system and oversee and contribute to an all-Wales Action Plan (which will be reflected in the Board's system-wide action Plan) for unblocking barriers, driving and delivering specific actions from the Family Justice Review to achieve significant improvements;
- To complement, support and inform the work of the Family Justice Board and its sub-groups (through its Welsh representatives) ensuring the Board takes account of the Welsh perspective in its work;
- To identify, disseminate and monitor the implementation of local best practice and help disseminate the latest intelligence throughout the system in Wales; whilst building improved relationships and greater cross agency coherence in tackling variations in local performance and practice;
- To develop appropriate links to the Local Family Justice Boards in Wales which will be overseeing the operation of family justice in their areas;

Membership

3. The Director of Social Services and Children Wales will chair the Network meetings.
4. A membership list can be found at Annex A. The judiciary will attend these meetings as observers.

5. The Network may wish to invite other organisations to contribute to the development of specific aspects of the Network's work as and when necessary.

Timing

6. The Network will meet three times per annum.

Family Justice Network Membership

Observers	
The Honourable Mr Justice Moor	Family Division Liaison Judge for Wales
HHJ Mark Furness (Observer)	DFJ Newport Care Centre
HHJ Gareth Jones (Observer) (DJ Owen Williams)	DFJ North Wales (Wrexham, Caernarfon and Rhyl Care Centres)
HHJ Terence John (Observer)	DFJ Swansea Care Centre
HHJ Isabel Parry (Observer)	DFJ, Cardiff and Pontypridd Care Centres
Stephan Hayes JP (Observer)	Magistrates Association
Name	Representing
Albert Heaney (Chair)	Director Social Services, Children and Families, Welsh Government
Julie Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Deputy Director of Social Services Legislation & Policy Division Welsh Government
Gillian Baranski	Chief Executive of CAFCASS CYMRU
Colin Everett	SOLACE
Rhian Huws Williams	Chief Executive, Care Council for Wales
Jake Morgan	ADSS
Heather Payne	Senior Medical Officer for Children Welsh Government

Hugh Simkiss	Head of Civil, Family and Tribunals for Wales, HMCTS
Steve Thomas	Chief Executive, WLGA
Keith Towler	Children's Commissioner for Wales
Peter Vaughan (ACC Julian Kirby deputises)	Chief Constable South Wales Police (ACPO Cymru Chair)
James O'Reilly	Wales Stakeholder Liaison Manager Legal Aid Agency