

## **Family Justice Network in Wales**

The aim of the Family Justice Network in Wales will be to bring together the key players within the family justice system at an all-Wales level, providing a local community of understanding and common purpose to improve services and outcomes for children and families in Wales. In particular, the Network will:

- Complement, support and inform the work of the Family Justice Board, and particularly the Welsh representatives which sit on it, by advising on the specific Welsh context and ensuring that the Board takes into account Welsh perspectives on non-devolved issues in relation to the family justice system in Wales;
- Secure the commitment of all key players within devolved aspects of the family justice system in Wales (including local government, Cafcass Cymru and NHS) to unblock barriers, drive and deliver specific actions from the Family Justice Review to achieve significant improvements in the performance of the system within Wales and delivering best possible outcomes for children who come into contact with it;
- Provide a forum to identify, share and monitor the implementation of local best practice and intelligence; look to challenge and encourage improved performance, whilst building improved relationships and greater cross-agency coherence and tackling variations in local performance and practice; and promote the wider engagement of other key stakeholders in Wales as a means of securing lasting improvements and better outcomes for children; and
- Provide a link between the Family Justice Board at the England and Wales level and Local Family Justice Boards in Wales, which will oversee the operation of family justice in their local areas, to ensure a whole system approach is taken in achieving significant improvement in the performance of the family justice system.