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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your Written Question (WQ95594) tabled on 22 January about the membership and terms of reference of the Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC) Working Group, which was set up following the CASCADE independent evaluation of the pilot.

I apologise for not replying to your WQ sooner, but in response to your question the Working Group includes representatives from Heads of Children's Services in Wales, CAFCASS Cymru and policy officials from relevant teams in Welsh Government, but as the work develops we may bring in additional members to the working group for more technical advice. The Group recognises it cannot develop proposals in isolation from key partners whose work relates to the issues Family Drug and Alcohol Courts deal with or have direct experience of FDACs.

The Terms of Reference are currently with members of the Group for final agreement but are largely based around scalability of the model, funding, how the problem-solving approach adopted in the pilot could be applied more widely in Family Court proceedings in Wales; and how FDAC fits with wider services which provide integrated and intensive support for families where parents have issues around drug and alcohol misuse.

Yours sincerely

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