



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

24th NOVEMBER 2022

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE
RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR G CAPLE**

MISKIN AND THE THERAPEUTIC FAMILIES TEAM ANNUAL REPORTS

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Corporate Parenting Board members on the work of the Miskin Teams, Integrated Family Support Team (IFST), Therapeutic Families Team (TFT) set out in the services' annual report for 2021-2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Acknowledge the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This is an information report.

4. BACKGROUND

Miskin is a set of services whose purpose are to prevent child–parent separation or placement breakdown. We do this through the deployment of evidence-based, time limited interventions which are co-produced with the family and the referring case worker. Our work can include:



- Supporting children and young people to remain living at home in their own communities with parents/family members, reducing risks to children living at home, whilst also reducing risk of child/parent separation and family breakdown.
- Supporting young people who are looked after where there is a risk of breakdown.
- Supporting reunification plans for children and young people to return home from care to live with parents/family members.
- Supporting young people to return from living in 'out of county' care placements to return home to parents/family members or to live more locally.

Headline outcomes 2021-22

- *96% of children remained at home living with either parents or extended family members at the end of the Miskin Intervention where the aim was to prevent children from coming into care.*
- *79% of children 11-17 years of age remained living in the same foster care or residential children's home placement at the end of the Miskin Intervention where the aim was to prevent the placement from breaking down.*
- *90% of children supported by IFST, where children were deemed to be at risk as a consequence of parental behaviours including drug and alcohol misuse, adult mental health, and domestic violence, either remained at home or returned home to family.*
- *62.12% of children supported by TFT during 2021-22 were closed to Children Services on 01/11/2022*

Additional Service activity

Includes:

- RCT Corporate Apprentice Scheme: Miskin were again successful in their bid through the councils Corporate Apprenticeship Scheme in 2021-22, the service has embraced the Councils 'grow your own ethos' with most support workers and intervention workers having previously been apprentices.

Demand

The demand for Miskin interventions and support has never been higher, the service is consistently responding to increasing demand and working creatively to enhance that capacity whenever possible. Referrals are prioritised within regular meetings with Intensive Intervention to ensure best use of resources available as demand exceeds capacity. However, the service continues to be effective with a high percentage of those children, young people, and families that it does support.



5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This is an information report.

6. CONSULTATION

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7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

7.1 There are no direct financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 The legal requirements for children and young people are set down within the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Children Act 1989.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

9.1 This consultation links to the corporate priority of promoting independence and positive lives for everyone by ensuring that the Council listens to the people it provides for.

9.2 It also contributes to the following well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales.
- A healthier Wales.
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A globally responsible Wales

10. CONCLUSION

Miskin and TFT Annual reports demonstrate the strong commitment within RCT Children's Services to achieve positive outcomes for children and families delivered by these Teams through creative innovative practice and evidence-based interventions.



The service is currently undergoing a review to ensure it provides services that meet Children's Services current and future priorities.

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