

## Children and Young People Services

# **Integrated Family Support Service (IFSS)**

### **What is IFSS?**

Cardiff and Vale IFSS is a crisis intervention service aimed at creating clear, measurable behaviour change with families where there are serious Child Protection concerns relating to parental substance misuse.

### **What do we do?**

Our aim is to enable families to create a safe and supportive environment where parents and/or carers prioritise their children's needs and focus on family life and their responsibility as a parent.

We work intensively (4 – 6 weeks) at the point of crisis in families. We focus on coping strategies and skills that enable them to resolve the crisis and improve family functioning and ensure children remain safely at home when ever possible.

### **Who can refer?**

Any case responsible child care social worker in The Vale of Glamorgan or Cardiff.

### Referral criteria:

- Children must be at active risk of accommodation or register
- Children are being rehabilitated home after a period of being looked after
- Child Protection concerns are relating to parental substance misuse
- Families with children at home must be in crisis and clearly aware that there is a real risk of their child(ren) being removed or their names being placed on the Child Protection Register if changes are not made
- Children have an allocated Social Worker who will remain case responsible during our intervention
- The family agree to the referral being made

### **How can you find out more?**

For more information or to make a referral please contact:

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