

APPENDIX 2 – OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

INTRODUCTION

The collection of data in the sites has a dual purpose. It is important for the sites, so they can monitor outcomes in their own FDAC, and it is equally important to the National Unit, so that the evidence base for FDAC can be expanded and developed.

The Innovation Programme grant is for one year only and, as a result, this does not allow time for us to include evaluation of outcomes in the new FDAC sites. Our bid made it clear that developing the evidence base for FDAC is of crucial importance for the sustainability of the model in the longer term and this is why we have been working to agree outcomes and ways of measuring them. Evidence about local outcomes that arise from use of the database will also be useful for sites when they make the argument for continued funding of the specialist team.

The data collection tools and accompanying guidance from the National Unit will ensure that all sites are collecting the same information (on children and parents, and on outcomes) and collecting it in the same way.

Below is a summary chart listing the expected FDAC outcomes and how sites will be measuring and recording parent and child progress towards achieving them.

Outcome 1

Parents have made sufficient progress for children to remain in, or return to, their care

Performance measures	Method of measurement	Data source
Number of children who have remained in, or returned to, the care of their parents at conclusion of proceedings.	Recording of child placement at onset and conclusion of care proceedings.	Child at start and end forms
Number of mothers who achieve abstinence from alcohol or drugs and are reunited with their children, or whose children remain with them at the conclusion of proceedings	Recording of child placement at onset and conclusion of care proceedings. Recording of final order made on child in care proceedings Recording of maternal substance misuse	Child at start and end forms Parent at start and end forms Case Information Form

Outcome 2

Parents have achieved abstinence from alcohol and/or drugs and impact on child of substance misuse is reduced

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data Source
Proportion of parents with reduced use of alcohol by the end of the service intervention.	Testing (blood / hair/ breathalyser) Clinical judgement	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms
Proportion of parents with reduced use of drugs by the end of the service intervention	Testing (urine/swab/hair) Clinical judgement	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms
Proportion of parents who have achieved abstinence from alcohol by the end of the service intervention	Testing (blood / hair/ breathalyser)	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms(<i>no. of consecutive weeks</i>)
Proportion of parents who have achieved abstinence from drugs by the end of the service intervention	Testing (urine/swab/hair)	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms (<i>no. of consecutive weeks</i>)
The risk to the child from parental drug or alcohol misuse has reduced	Clinical judgement	Parent at start and end forms Initial and review parenting assessment forms and review reports

Outcome 3

Parents sustain effective management of their mental health/impact on child of mental health problems is reduced

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Mental health problems of parent have reduced	Start and exit PHQ 9 (depression) Start and exit GAD 7 (anxiety) Start and exit TSQ 10 (trauma and stress)	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms

Negative impact on child of parental mental health problems has reduced	Clinical judgement on impact on child	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms
Parent reports improvements in their feeling of control over their life and being better able to control their problems	Self-report	Service user feedback form

Outcome 4

Parental domestic violence/abuse has reduced and risk to the child has reduced

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
The risk to the child from domestic abuse has reduced/the impact on the child of domestic abuse has been alleviated	Clinical judgement	Initial and review parenting assessments Parent at start and end forms

Outcome 5

Parental lifestyle and well-being have improved

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Parent is engaged in employment, education or training	Parent at start and end forms	Initial and review parenting assessments
Parent is engaged in volunteering	Parent at start and end forms	Initial and review parenting assessments
Parent has improved support from social networks	Parent at start and end forms Clinical judgement	Initial and review parenting assessments
Parent is in stable accommodation at the end of the service intervention.	Parent at start and end forms	Initial and review parenting assessments

Outcome 6

Children are safe and able to thrive in the care of their parents (with whom they were living before the start of proceedings)

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Parent/child relationship is satisfactory	Clinical judgement Observations	Initial and review parenting assessments Child at start and end forms
Child's emotional/mental health and behaviour has improved	SDQ/ASQ scores DSM Diagnosis and severity scale	Initial and review parenting assessments Child at start and end forms
There are no attendance problems for school age children Child's development is satisfactory	Clinical judgement SDQ/ASQ scores	Initial and review parenting assessments Child Needs Meeting Child at start and end forms
Child is living with their parent or parents at the end of proceedings	Child's placement and court order	Child at start and end forms

Outcome 7

Children are safe and able to thrive in permanent placements away from home

Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Parent/child relationship is satisfactory	Clinical judgement	Parent initial assessment and final parenting assessment Observations Child at start and end forms
Child's emotional/mental health and behaviour has improved	Start and exit data tools SDQ/ASQ scores DSM Diagnosis and severity scale	Parent initial assessment and final parenting assessment Child at start and end forms
There are no attendance problems for school age children Child's development is satisfactory	Clinical judgement SDQ/ASQ scores	Parent initial assessment and final parenting assessment Child Needs Meeting Child at start and end forms
Child is living in a permanent placement away from the parent who had care of them at the start of proceedings	Child's placement and court order	Final parenting assessment Child at start and end forms

Process 1: Qualitative feedback from parents and professionals

Subject	Method of measurement	Data source
Parental feedback on FDAC experience	Analysis of parent feedback	Service user feedback form
Professional feedback on FDAC experience	Analysis of professional feedback	Service User Feedback form

Process 2 – Interventions provided for parents in FDAC and level of engagement of parents

Subject	Method of measurement	Data source
Interventions for parents in FDAC	Parent at end form	Intervention Plan for Parents, review reports, case recording
Parental engagement with process	Parent at end form	Review reports, review parenting assessment, case recording

Process 3 - Timescales of court proceedings

Cases conclude within 26 weeks or sooner unless extensions are needed to enable children to return home safely		
Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Length of care proceedings	Initial hearing and final hearing dates	Case Information form

Process 4 - Expert evidence

Cases in FDAC proceedings or pre proceedings do not require any other additional expert evidence
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Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Number of additional expert assessments	Number of expert assessments in each case	Case Information form

Process 5- Problem solving court approach

Care proceedings in FDAC are less adversarial and focus on problem solving
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Performance Measure	Method of measurement	Data source
Number of uncontested final hearings	Case information	Case Information form
Number of non-lawyer reviews	Case information	Case information form