

Please read the accompanying guidance before completing the form.

This **Impact Assessment (IA)** toolkit, incorporates a range of legislative requirements that support effective decision making and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation.

Draft versions of the assessment should be watermarked as "Draft" and retained for completeness. However, only the final version will be made publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate. In line with Council policy IAs should be retained for 7 years.

Service Area	Children's Services	Head of Service	Jan Coles	Director	Alison Bulman	Portfolio Holder	Cllr Rachel Powell							
Proposal	Placements for Children who are Looked After													
Outline Summary / Description of Proposal														
To bring 5 children out of residential placements and into fostering placements either in-house or with Independent Fostering Agencies, which meet their needs and wherever possible, are closer to their homes and communities.														
To bring 5 children from Independent Fostering placements into in-house fostering placements which meet their needs and wherever possible, are closer to their homes and communities.														

1. Version Control (services should consider the impact assessment early in the development process and continually evaluate)

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
V1	Kathryn Brooks	Senior Manager Corporate Parenting	10.12.2019

2. Profile of cost reduction delivery (if applicable)

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL
£	£	£575,000	£525,000	£	£

3. Consultation requirements

Consultation Requirement	Consultation deadline/or justification for no consultation
No consultation required (please provide justification)	Consultation is not required as this does not impact on workforce and has a positive impact on service provision.

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4. Impact on Other Service Areas

**Does the proposal have potential to impact on another service area? (Have you considered the implications on Health & Safety, Corporate Parenting and Data Protection?)
 PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM / ENGAGE ANY AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY**

The proposal does not have the potential to impact on another service area.

5. How does your proposal impact on the council's strategic vision?

Council Priority	How does the proposal impact on this priority?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
The Economy We will develop a vibrant economy	The money currently being spent with private companies out of county will be spent on local foster carers in Powys. The proposal will also fund new jobs in Children's Homes in Powys	Good	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good
Health and Care We will lead the way in effective, integrated rural health and care	The proposal will mean the improved emotional wellbeing of young people, who have access to local services and maintaining links to their family and community.	Good	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good
Learning and skills We will strengthen learning and skills	The proposal will enable young people to become involved in education, training and employment in their local communities.	Good	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good
Residents and Communities We will support our residents and communities	Children and young people will remain in their own communities. Increased facilities being provided in Powys and in local communities.	Good	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good

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Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements

Children placed out of county have poorer outcomes.

The work of the First Minister's Task Group has provided this evidence around children being placed out of county against children placed in their own communities.

6. How does your proposal impact on the Welsh Government's well-being goals?

Well-being Goal	How does proposal contribute to this goal?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
A prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.	<p>Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements</p> <p>The proposal will enable young people to become involved in education, training and employment in their local communities..</p>	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
A resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).	<p>The proposal will enable young people to become involved in education, training and employment in their local communities..</p>	Good	N/A	Neutral

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Well-being Goal	How does proposal contribute to this goal?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
A healthier Wales: A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood. Public Health (Wales) Act, 2017: Part 6 of the Act requires for public bodies to undertake a health impact assessment to assess the likely effect of a proposed action or decision on the physical or mental health of the people of Wales.	The proposal will mean the improved emotional wellbeing of young people, who have access to local services and maintaining links to their family and community.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
A Wales of cohesive communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
A globally responsible Wales: A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being. Human Rights - is about being proactive (see guidance) UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Convention gives rights to everyone under the age of 18, which include the right to be treated fairly and to be protected from discrimination; that organisations act for the best interest of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and the right to be heard.	This proposal will keep children in county and in country. It will promote a child's right to a family while maintaining close links to families and communities.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language: A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.				
<i>Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourable than the English language</i>	Children are enabled to live and grow in communities which represent their own language and culture.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Opportunities to promote the Welsh language</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.

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<i>Welsh Language impact on staff</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation.</i>	Children are closer to home and maintain connections with families and communities and school placements	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
A more equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).				
<i>Age</i>	This proposal supports the rights of all children.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Disability</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Gender reassignment</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Marriage or civil partnership</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Race</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Religion or belief</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Sex</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Pregnancy and Maternity</i>		Choose an item.		Choose an item.

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The work of the First Minister's Task Group has provided this evidence around children being placed out of county against children placed in their own communities.

7. How does your proposal impact on the council's other key guiding principles?

Principle	How does the proposal impact on this principle?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
Sustainable Development Principle (5 ways of working)				
<i>Long Term: Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</i>	Maintaining children in their family's limits disruptions and promotes stability throughout their lives.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Collaboration: Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.</i>	Working with multi agency partners and families to meet the needs of children	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Involvement (including Communication and Engagement): Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them.</i>	Multi-disciplinary plans to maintain children within their communities	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Prevention: Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.</i>	Providing safe placements for children	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
<i>Integration: Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.</i>	Integrating with multi agency partners. Increases close partnership sharing resources and working to meet a range of children and young people's needs.	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
Preventing Poverty: Prevention, including helping people into work and mitigating the impact of poverty.		Choose an item.	N/A	Choose an item.

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Principle	How does the proposal impact on this principle?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
Unpaid Carers: Ensuring that unpaid carers views are sought and taken into account		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
Safeguarding: Preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults with health and social care needs who can't protect themselves.	Children kept closer to home can be kept safer using local resources	Good	N/A	Choose an item.
Impact on Powys County Council Workforce		Choose an item.		Choose an item.
Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements				
<p>Children placed out of county have poorer outcomes. This has been evidenced in the following: The work of the First Minister's Task Group has provided this evidence around children being placed out of county against children placed in their own communities. A recent Children's Commissioner for Wales paper on children placed out of County. The Waterhouse report – Lost in Care</p>				

8. What is the impact of this proposal on our communities?

Severity of Impact on Communities	Scale of impact	Overall Impact
Medium	Medium	Medium
Mitigation		
The impact will be positive for individual children and their families		

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9. How likely are you to successfully implement the proposed change?

Impact on Service / Council	Risk to delivery of the proposal	Inherent Risk
High	Low	Low
Mitigation		
This is one of the highest priority areas in Children's Services and a range of service resources are focused on achieving these changes		

Risk Identified	Inherent Risk Rating	Mitigation	Residual Risk Rating
Can't recruit foster carers	Medium	Improved offer to foster carers, additional resources to foster service and reduction of children looked after	Low
Overall judgement (to be included in project risk register)			
Very High Risk	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
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10. Overall Summary and Judgement of this Impact Assessment?

Outline Assessment (to be inserted in cabinet report)	Cabinet Report Reference:
The overall impact of these changes is positive, both to children using services, the workforce and the wider communities.	

11. Is there additional evidence to support the Impact Assessment (IA)?

What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
N/A Additional evidence will be providing through the cabinet reporting process as progress is made.

12. On-going monitoring arrangements?

What arrangements will be put in place to monitor the impact over time?
Progress will be reviewed by CLT
Please state when this Impact Assessment will be reviewed.
Monthly

13. Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Impact Assessment Lead:	Kathryn Brooks		
Head of Service:	Jan Coles		
Director:	Alison Bulman		
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Rachel Powell		

14. Governance

Decision to be made by	Choose an item.	Date required	
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