INTRODUCTION

1. WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

We are a shared parenting charity working to support those who are being excluded from the lives of the children they care about. Most of our service users (currently c 70%) are fathers facing contact difficulties. We have undertaken this research to collate data around their experience to inform public services as well as the third sector about the issues facing fathers in Wales.

2. THE BACKGROUND

This survey was produced as a follow up to the Mapping Male Engagement in Parenting Services study that the charity undertook in 2013/14. That survey found deep rooted problems around the level and extent of engagement by services with men. 32 services covering all areas of Wales completed the survey. They reported engagement with 169,000 service users in the financial year ending April 2013. That survey was distributed by direct email targeting and by a mailout to members by Children in Wales.

The services reported that only between 3 – 11% of all parents they engage with were male – and that this ‘male deficit’ was particularly acute in Early Years where one service reported 181 service users only 1 of which was male.

Having examined the issues from the perspective of professionals we thought it important to turn to examine the experience of service users.

The Mapping Survey can be accessed here https://www.fnf-bpm.org.uk/article/reports_and_responses_signpost-190/index.html

3. METHODOLOGY

The research has been undertaken by FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru using an online survey tool – Survey Monkey - between April 2014 and June 2015. Service users of the charity calling our Helpline and attending our 11 monthly face to face support meetings across Wales were encouraged to complete the online survey. In addition a link to the survey was placed on our website home page. Finally professionals engaged in the routine business of the charity were informed of the survey and asked to help by encouraging fathers they were in contact with to engage. Individuals who contributed were not asked for any contact details so as to assure them anonymity.

The survey is primarily qualitative in terms of methodology seeking to capture the experience of fathers and male carers in terms of their engagement with services. This was deliberately chosen as a means of survey design because we believed that it followed on sequentially from the Mapping
Male Participation Survey we had undertaken with professionals in Wales where views had been expressed about the barriers to engagement with men.

4. THE SURVEY

A total of 10 main questions were asked covering some basic demographic data eg age, geographical location, ethnicity, relationship to their child (eg father / step-father / grandfather etc). Questions were also asked about the care they gave to the subject child/ren to get a picture of the practical arrangements for the care of the subject child/ren – eg I care for my child alone / I’m the primary carer / I share the care roughly equally / I am excluded from the care of my child etc. The main elements of the survey related to the experience of fathers in terms of their engagement (or lack of it) with a variety of services – eg Children’s Services, Parenting Support (Flying Start / Families First etc) Education and health services. The final question related to whether respondents felt that there should be a Parenting Strategy in Wales that focussed on fathers.

The survey asked individuals to express their views more fully through a comments facility in each section. Reading these comments we appreciated that they were very powerful testimony and provided much greater clarity to underpin the headlines from the statistical data. As a result we have decided to include many of the comments in the body of this report to assist the reader.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UNCRC Article 18 – from The Rights of Children & Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011

1. States Parties shall use their best efforts to ensure recognition of the principle that both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child. Parents or, as the case may be, legal guardians, have the primary responsibility for the upbringing and development of the child. The best interests of the child will be their basic concern.

The survey on Mapping Male Participation in Family Support & Parenting Programmes undertaken by the charity in 2013/14 highlighted systemic problems with the perception of men and the levels of engagement with them as fathers and male carers by parenting support services across Wales. Having heard from professionals we decided that it was now important to listen to the experience of fathers and other male carers themselves.

The headlines from this survey are:

- There is a serious and deep rooted problem with engagement with men by Children’s Services which may be an issue of institutionalised sexism. This perception may also have been borne out by research produced by the Fatherhood Institute from an audit of case files in Newport, Conwy and in 4 English Local Authorities which showed very low levels of engagement with men.
- Parenting support services eg Flying Start and Families First are largely invisible to men – which bears out the previous findings around levels of engagement by these services. The previous survey also found that almost 20% of professionals who responded expressed a view that there was a lack of interest by their colleagues in engaging with men.
- Fathers report a broadly positive experience of Schools and education, BUT this hides a significant problem in terms of information sharing and engagement with separated fathers who are not the primary carer for their children.
- Health services also had a broadly positive response from dads BUT again there were deep rooted problems around engagement with separated dads – especially when dealing with Health Visitors.

We hope that the findings of this and our previous survey of professionals will be studied by services in Wales who wish to improve their engagement with men in both quantitative and qualitative terms. We also hope that Welsh Government will consider the findings as they raise significant issues about the direction given to service providers. Welsh Ministers have a legal requirement to ensure that they have ‘due regard’ to Article 18 of the UNCRC, so we hope that the findings of this survey will assist them and officials to address the problems faced by fathers, and separated fathers in particular in terms of fulfilling their role as carers for their children.
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

A total of 149 valid responses (fully or substantially completed) were received by 7\textsuperscript{th} June 2015 when the survey was ‘closed’.

Age (147 responses)

The largest group who responded were aged 40-49 (53 total -36.05\%) followed by 30-39 (50 total – 34.01\%). 19 respondents identified they were in the important 21-29 age group (12.93\%) but only 2 were aged 18-20 (1.36\%).

Geographical spread (147 responses)

We received responses from all 22 Las in Wales with the lowest levels in Merthyr (2 total – 1.36\%) and Blaenau Gwent, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Ynys Mon and Monmouthshire (3 total – 2.04\%) . The highest levels were in Cardiff (24 total – 16.33\%) followed by Bridgend (12 total – 8.16\%) and Swansea, Newport and Carmarthenshire (each with 10 total – 6.8\%)

Ethnicity (146 responses)

The overwhelming response came from those who identified as White British – (136 total – 93.15\%) with the largest other group being Mixed Race (3 total – 2.05\%)

Relationship to the child (142 responses)

91 respondents (64.08\%) identified as a father – while 40 (28.17\%) identified as a Non-Resident father. 10 (7.04\%) responded to identify themselves as Single father / Parent with Care – while 1 respondent (0.7\%) was a stepfather.

Care arrangements for the child (140 responses)

45 (32.14\%) respondents identified themselves as sharing care of their child/ren roughly equally with the mother / other carer with the next largest group identifying as providing some care – (43 total – 30.71\%). 35 (25\%) respondents said they were excluded from the care of their children. 12 (8.57\%) stated that they were the sole or primary carer.
CHILDREN’S SERVICES (147 responses)

Interestingly more than 50% of respondents had no experience of dealing with Children’s Services. However of those who did, the most significant number had negative views of their experience.

**Negative views of engagement with Children’s Services by fathers outweighed positive by more than 3:1**

Strongly negative – 27 total – 18.37%

Mostly negative – 20 total – 13.61%

In contrast those who had a positive experience numbered 14 in total (5 strongly positive 3.4%, 9 mostly positive 6.12%)

12 (8.16%) reported that their experience was neither good nor bad.

The detail of the analysis lay as we anticipated in the individual comments (56) made by respondents. Negative comments significantly outweighed positive and were some of the strongest of all sections of the Welsh Dads Survey.

*Never interview me personnel Had a report done by different social work ,then case taken over ,phone call ,never had time with children to talk to them ,very Disappointed With whole process*

*All dealings I have had with Social Workers and their Management teams have been unprofessional, bordering on mostly incompetent and biased towards "mother." There is a distinct lack of knowledge and understanding of the law. I have taken [2 LOCAL AUTHORITES NAMED] through the Stage 2 investigation process and over 90% of my complaints (102 in total) have been upheld and compensation paid.*

*Prejudice and discriminative completely towards me as a dad.*

*They only believe the mother and only take her side of things on board. They are also willing to print lies in reports that the mother has no evidence for.*

*They lie to make sure thier agendas are met.tell the children that they do not have to listen to thier parents or do any activities if they don't want to.even if you prove that they lied it's covered up.toataly unacceptable they are out of touch with real life.*

*As my ex-girlfriend is a social worker herself she knows how to play and work the system. I constantly receive foul mouthed abusive text messages from her regarding myself and my partner, and is continuely refused to see my daughter when I am paying child maintenance.*

*Very biased and willing to write lies in reports that have no evidence.*

*Incompetence poor admin awkwardness inability to make decisions difficult to talk to poorly organised*
There were however some positive comments about Children’s services:

I have no experience of Children’s Services on a personal level, only professionally. I generally find them to have a genuine care and focus upon the child’s welfare and wellbeing, though attitudes vary significantly from county to county.

My dealings with social services have been nothing but positive, they have listened to me well but have also always had the best interests of my son at heart!

I had help from Children’s Services through court and they put me in touch with Flying Start which really helped me with my kids.

Depending on the social worker, one was very good but when she left the other ones were not so great.
PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICES (147 responses)

We looked at a wide range of Parenting Support services grouped under the various schemes designed by Welsh Government. These included Flying Start (for children under 4), Families First (a general umbrella service designed and delivered on a local basis to support parents and children at a lower level of need than Child in Need status), Communities First (a targeted community focussed tackling poverty programme), IFSS (a specialist intervention to support parents with drug and alcohol issues) and finally any other family support service – which was left deliberately open to encompass a wide range.

Across all programmes there was a very strong lack of recognition of any of the services – with more than 60% of respondents indicating that they’d never heard / didn’t know about the primary Welsh Government programmes.

It is difficult to draw many conclusions from the data shared as the percentages for the positives and also the negatives were so small. Comments (25 in total) in relation to Flying Start included:

- *Flying Start Health Visitor not on father’s side and did not take into consideration the emotional needs of a child*
- *I think the flying start was a very good start for my child as its has helped her to interact with others*
- *I did a Get Cooking 6 week course with Clair from Flying Start. She taught me lots of quick and easy recipies i can cook for my child*
- *Childrens Services put me onto Flying Start. I started going to the Dads Base first. Then through Dads base I then signed up for Handling Childrens Behaviour, then Nurturing Programme and the Pop In and Play sessions which Flying Start run, plus there summer days they run in the parks*
- *Good communication ability hard working good ideas well organised friendly*

Comments (14) about Families First included:

- *did not no about them*
- *Only had brief experiences with families first but all have been positive.*
- *NO help from Families First!!*

*My wife and I spoke to then recently and found the listening ear and supportive words great. We’re really struggling at the moment and to be able to speak with a 3rd party and know that I’m not bad and that I am doing all I can was reassuring. She pointed me in your direction and pointed out many other things and I just felt helped*
I don’t know if CAFCASS is mentioned later in the survey but my experience with them has been awful, negative and them believing the lies told by my ex partner irregardless of what is in the best interests of my son. The CAFCASS officer lied to me saying she thought my home was fine to have my son then in her assessment report said it was not suitable. The CAFCASS officer made a judgement on my business saying negative things about it which bore no relevance to my abilities to parent yet will now be listened to by the court as CAFCASS right or wrong hold so much sway with the corrupt and broken family court system. The CAFCASS officer has lied saying she hasn’t seen any of the reports I presented to her from the contact centre, they were all glowing but she says that she does not know about them in her report. She saw me being emotional at the loss of my son as being a negative and stated this emotion made me unstable. I am deeply concerned by the biased assessment from CAFCASS and I feel deflated and defeated, I took my ex to court when she ceased contact on a whim and I had a misplaced faith that the court system would protect my son and reestablish our contact, I went six months with no contact and now my contact is limited, it has been stressful and money and time consuming and I feel like I am losing, I have to keep fighting for my son but I don’t know how within the perimeters of the law.

CAFCASS were inefficient, slow and allowed parental alienation to thrive

CAFCASS are a total disaster from the child’s perspective

CAFCASS. Completely and utterly leant towards the mothers point of view. Face to face interviews were excellent, very positive. However the written reports were far from accurate and depicted the mothers’ point of view wholly. Frankly, if you’re a father who has tried EVERYTHING to try to see your children and still get nowhere through no fault of your own, clearly the system is massively failing

I have not had any dealings with family support organisations The only support I have had is from my trade union in helping to achieve a holiday with my children (with funding and understanding)

My initial experience of CACASS was far from satisfactory. Overworked. Undertrained. Jaded with an extreme feminist agenda. Should be part of the court system and nothing to do with the WAG.
SCHOOLS & EDUCATION (144 responses)

Almost half of all responses expressed positive experience of engagement with schools and other education bodies (18.75% strongly, 29.86% mostly positive)

In contrast just over a quarter of responses were negative (12.5% mostly, 14.58% strongly)

The remainder (24.31%) stated their experience as being neither good nor bad.

However, the detailed comments reveal an underlying pattern of difficulty with engagement for some fathers – particularly those who do not live with their children for the majority of the time.

I receive no information regarding any aspects of my child's education unless I actively seek it out / request it, this despite numerous requests to be included in all communications to parents. I have been encouraged NOT to attend school performances by teaching staff. Outrageous.

Refused to discuss things with me and strongly prejudiced against me!! If ex told school that I wasn't allowed to see my child then school would prevent me. I took court order in and things are gradually changing!!

Have spoken to school and LEA and only got a response after speaking with the chair of governors

Many respondents identified that their biggest problems related to the focus that many schools – perhaps understandably put – on seeing children as having one home with one 'contact' parent with whom they communicate. This becomes problematic when parents have separated.

I went to my kids school soon after separation and asked what their policy was regarding separated parents.....They didn't have one! I asked about being kept informed....They took my email address....have never received one! They also gave me a school calendar which I would not have received automatically. I do get a separate parents evening appointment, but was forgotten about on one occasion. I also receive a copy of their school reports. The school website is not up to date.....I couldn't even find out what day my kids went back to school after the summer holidays on the weekend preceeding the week they went back.

My daughters primary school forget me sometimes and Don't seem to be geared up for seperated parents ie find seperated fathers a bit of a pain

Many schools seemed to be unaware of the Welsh Government guidance – parents & Parental Responsibility – a Guide for Schools – published in 2007, and also the underpinning importance of the UNCRC – specifically Article 18 that requires Governments to use their best efforts to ensure recognition that BOTH parents share common responsibility for children

School supports the mother only, after numerous meetings they still do not include me, or follow the Welsh Assembly guidelines
Schools do seem to be suspicious at first and will often check with the resident parent before accepting you as a parent. I find this quite prejudiced but can sort-of see it as a cultural issue rather than a procedural issue. Deferring if it's 'ok' to the resident parent can create merry hell in other communication/arrangements discussions. Once in the door schools have, in my experience been ok to deal with. Email systems aren't the best and a lot of info that's meant to go to both homes doesn't arrive but again, systems and culture (not thinking about anyone outside of the resident parent) need to improve.

Very difficult school give me limited information, evasive, don't allow me to have news letters. Inform mums partner before myself. Even though I have shared care mum has all photos and cards. Mum volunteers in school and I believe has influenced. Receptionists are rude and dismissive even on first meeting. My son has missed out because of school exclusion of myself.

The significance of the father / school relationship for Non-Resident fathers can be seen most strikingly from the following comment:

I talked with my daughter's primary school headmaster about how abuse at home could explain her behaviour in school. This was cited in a CAFCASS report that I had "been heard to denigrate" my wife. Although supposedly quoted from the headmaster, I cannot tell to what extent the CAFCASS officer misrepresented this.

It would appear that there are a number of issues around engagement with fathers and that these could be addressed by tackling the registration system – requiring schools to record the details of ALL those with Parental Responsibility for children when the child is first registered. We also see a strong case for revising and refreshing the Welsh Government guidance in this area as it seems to lack visibility amongst school staff.
HEALTH SERVICES (147 responses)

The experience of fathers engaging with health services was, on the face of it, positive with more than 4 in 10 fathers supporting that view (11.56% strongly and 31.29% mostly positive. In contrast only around 20% of respondents reported a negative experience (12.24% mostly while 8.84% strongly negative in the experience. More than a third expressed a neutral opinion (36.08% neither good nor bad).

Most fathers seem content with their engagement with Health Services – BUT this hides some deep rooted problems that particularly impact on Non-Resident fathers.

As with other areas it is the detailed comments that reveal the important elements and provide the material for a lessons learned approach.

Positive views included

- **gp are very good at helping and understanding**
- **When discussing my son with his doctor he did not require his birth certificate to prove I was the father. His comment why do I need to see it, you are his father**
- **quick response to my son’s needs**
- **Ive only dealt with GP and they have given me some info when enquired, some info in more detail than other**
- **The midwife my girlfriend has been seeing has been verry helpfull. I have only met her once and she gave me a few useful and insightful tips**
- **My sons GP has been excellent, I spoke to him regarding matters of my son and no issues at all.**

A familiar pattern emerges however when we see the comments primarily from those fathers who don’t live with their children most of the time

- **Much as with schools, once you’re the non-resident parent there is a degree of suspicion. Culture of ‘bad dad’.**
- **Don’t involve you**

  *My GP reported my concerns about my wife’s treatment of our daughter to Social Services, setting off a chain of events that led to a 3-year residence battle. My wife suffered from post-partum psychosis, but when the court asked for her medical records the NHS said that there was a 4-year gap when they had kept no records.*

  *Non-resident children’s GP will provide information when requested. Midwives can be good or bad depending on the individual. Some lack people skills and fail to acknowledge me as a father whilst others fully involve me. Hospital staff were awesome. Health visitors*
seem threatening. Former partner stated that health visitor had told her to move out so as to put pressure on me to complete renovation works - despite there being ample living accommodation. My former partner then started staying away during the week with our then only child. That caused massive resentment and was the initial stage of the break up.

In terms of difficulties experienced by Non-Resident fathers a sadly recurring theme is the engagement with Health Visitors. We know that, particularly in the Early Years there is a problem with engagement with men in general. Research we undertook in 2013/14 demonstrated that fathers represent around 3% of the parents these services engage with. Evidence from that survey of professionals is borne out by the experience of fathers here who express a feeling that professionals feel that dads are an irrelevance at best and a problem at worst.

*Health visitors etc only there for mum. I was just the teaboy.*

*Health Visitor never involved me. GP now got access to information upon agreeing to information sharing but only when I ask for information otherwise it is not shared.*

*Health visitors who provide quasi legal advice to mothers without bothering to investigate, surgery staff who ignore parental responsibility and actively seek to exclude parents. Have seen this personally and while assisting others.*

*My ex was is suffering from ocd's and depression at the time of our parting. Asked the helth visitor to keep an eye on her and the children. Never heard anything back from them.*

*They dont want to tell me information without me having to prove I am my sons father the default position is to mistrust me as I am a man*

*Health visitor wouldn't attend my home when my son was 1 yr even when I asked for help to ensure I was things right. Stated she was there for mum. Prejudice my mum making me out to be a bad guy. But the damage was done. Samw with surgery and dentist and option. Mum refuses to keep me informed and the services are evasive and difficult.*

But that experience hasn’t been a universal one. Sometimes there may be simply a failure to understand the realities of parenting for those dads who don’t live with their children all the time

*My Childs health visitor/ I had a voicemail after enquiring about an update with them. The voicemail indicated that I should look at my childs red book. She then made reference to her line manager sign posting me to them should I need any more information. I do not have access to my childs red health book as it is held by my ex wife*

*I am not involved nor informed about any of my children’s health issues unless it is an emergency :(

It is also important to recognise when Health Visitors get it right

*My daughters Heath visitor has been brilliant and far more help than social services even though her services are restricted, she took the time to listen to my concerns and gave me good advice*
### Q1 Which category below includes your age?

- **17 or younger**: 0.00% (0)
- **18-20**: 1.31% (2)
- **21-29**: 12.93% (19)
- **30-39**: 34.91% (50)
- **40-49**: 36.05% (53)
- **50-59**: 13.24% (18)
- **60+**: 3.40% (5)
- **Pref not to say**: 0.00% (0)

**Total**: 147
Q2 In which local authority area do you live?

Answered: 147  Skipped: 2

- Blaenau Gwent
- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Cardiff
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Conway
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Gwynedd
- Isle of Anglesey
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Monmouthshire
- Neath Port Talbot
- Newport
- Pembrokeshire
- Powys
- Rhondda Cynon Taff
- Swansea
- The Vale of Glamorgan
### Welsh Dads Survey

#### Answer Choices vs Responses

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Q3 What ethnic group do you identify with?

Answered: 146  Skipped: 3

Answer Choices | Responses
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White British incl Welsh / English etc | 93.15% 138
Other White (i.e. non UK eg Irish, Polish, German etc) | 1.37% 2
Mixed race - eg White & Asian / White & Black African etc | 2.05% 3
Asian / Asian British - incl Indian, Bangladeshi, Chinese etc | 1.37% 2
Black - including African, Caribbean, Black British etc | 0.68% 1
Other ethnic group | 0.00% 0
Prefer not to say | 1.37% 2
Total | 146
**Welsh Dads Survey**

**Q4 How would you describe your principle relationship to the child.**

Answered: 142   Skipped: 7

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Q5 How would you describe the care arrangements for your child

Answered: 140  Skipped: 9

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Q6 What is your experience of dealing with Children’s Services (Social Services)

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Q7 What is your experience of parenting support from Family Support Services? e.g. Flying Start, Communities First, Families First etc

Answered: 147  Skipped: 2

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Q8 What is your experience of dealing with schools? eg do you receive school reports / are you invited to parents evenings etc

Answered: 144  Skipped: 5

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Q9 What is your experience of dealing with health services? eg midwives, school nurses, health visitors, GPs etc

Answered: 147  Skipped: 2

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Q10 Do you think there should be a Parenting strategy in Wales that identifies working with fathers as a priority?

Answered: 147  Skipped: 2

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