**FDAC North East Referral Pathway – Newcastle Children’s Social Care**

Legal Panel / Legal Clinic – decision made to issue care proceedings / consideration for FDAC North East.

\*\*\*For cases already in proceedings or cases that have gone to court in an emergency, the *same* process is followed, but LA makes an application to the court to bring into FDAC, where a case is suitable.

FDAC gateway screen and advise LA of outcome.

SW informs parents of decision to issues care proceedings.

Referral sent to FDAC. Parenting assessment / chronology / genogram and court bundle provided as part of referral

FDAC contacts the family for some initial introduction discussions and share the key values/ideas of FDAC so they can talk with their solicitor

LA Legal issue and request for the initial CMH to be an FDAC information hearing in front of an FDAC Judge

SW provides parent and their solicitor with FDAC family/professional leaflets and seeks their agreement to refer.

Initital disucssion between SW and FDAC Team Manager