Family Solutions Team – February 2020

**Crisis response –** Where a child is open to social care, the Family Solutions Team will respond to urgent crisis situations where there is a possible need for a child/young person to become Looked After due to relationship/conflict issues. The response will be within 24 hours and wherever possible, a same day response will be provided. The Team will offer ongoing work or suggest/signpost to other services such as MST and Targeted Services.

**Crisis intervention FGC** - As part of the Family Group Conference Team offer, EMN ( Emergency Network Meetings ) can be offered to families whereby there is a high risk safeguarding concern that could lead to a child being removed from their parents/carers.  (The broader Family Group Conferencing offer is detailed on Tri-x.)

**Placement stability:**

**Placement stability -** The Family Solutions Team will take referrals from social care to support placement stability wherever the child may be living, to include Home, Internal Foster Care, Adoption, and SGO. This does not cover children’s homes nor external foster carers - unless by exception i.e. in extreme situations where there is a significant benefit to keep things going.

**Reunification -** FST will offer advice and support coordination for potential reunification situations.

**MST exclusion** - FST will work with Families where the MST exclusionary criteria is evident and access to MST to prevent the need for an out of home placement is therefore denied.

**Advice and guidance to Community Operating Groups –**  FST will offer **consultancy/advice** to COG/ Targeted services colleagues on individual cases alongside more general practice development to prevent case escalation into CSC and promote systemic thinking.  Attendance at weekly COG meetings would be by invite.

**Case consultation, support and training -** The team will offer case consultation and support to develop relationship based practice skills across the Trust