



### **38.6 Solutions Ltd**

Residential Family Assessment & Support Services

CIW-Registered Residential Family Assessment Centres – Rhyl, North Wales

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### **Call to Partnership**

38.6 Solutions hopes to explore and eventually initiate collaboration with Welsh Government, HMPPS Wales, Women’s Pathfinder Wales, and Local Authorities to:

Offer residential placements for mothers with their children as an alternative to custody

Provide reunification placements for mothers leaving custody.

Offer community-based alternatives to custody.

Deliver post-assessment and transitional support to reduce reoffending and improve child outcomes.

Our uniquely blended model of residential and community provision and robust learning programs offer flexible, safe, and cost-effective solutions aligned with Wales’s justice, safeguarding, and early-intervention strategies.

### **About 38.6 Solutions**

38.6 Solutions operates two purpose-built residential family assessment centres in North Wales—Bath House and Elwy House—supported by a growing network of community pathway properties. Our services provide a safe, nurturing, and structured environment where families are assessed, supported, and guided toward independence and stability.



Our highly skilled team includes four qualified Social Workers (two Assessing Social Workers) and a trusted Independent Social Worker (ISW) partner, ensuring thorough, evidence-based, and child-focused assessments.

### **Assessment Frameworks**

CAF (Common Assessment Framework)

ParentAssess

Safe Carers

MALD (Model for Assessing, Learning and Development)

These recognised frameworks enable flexible, targeted assessments tailored to each family's unique needs and risks.

### **Intervention and Learning Programmes**

All sessions are delivered by trained 38.6 Solutions staff, with reports detailing participation and learning outcomes.

Key programmes include:

Incredible Years (Baby/Toddler) – Positive behaviour and emotional regulation.

The Nurturing Programme – Emotional health and family relationships.

Domestic Abuse Awareness & Motherhood – Recognising abuse and its impact on children.

Healthy Relationships – Safe relationship skills, ACEs and CSE prevention.

Independent Living Skills – Budgeting, home safety, hygiene, parenting routines.



### **Security and Safeguarding**

Both Bath and Elwy House are equipped with 24/7 CCTV covering communal living areas, kitchen, hallways, gardens, and bedrooms (with audio), prior to admission parents must consent to this high level of supervision and sign a CCTV policy ensuring children remain visible on camera at all times.

Footage may be shared with Local Authorities and other identified professionals when safeguarding concerns arise and is also used as a reflective teaching tool to help parents review and improve interactions.

This system ensures safety and transparency while maintaining dignity and minimal intrusion.

### **Community Pathway Properties**

Recognising that some families need a step-down or alternative to residential assessment, 38.6 Solutions has developed Pathway Properties designed to bridge the gap between assessment and independent living.

Opened in response to local authority feedback, these homes provide flexible placements for:

- Families completing post-assessment support
- Parents and children needing supported housing
- Expectant parents (pre-birth assessment)
- Short-term refuge or homelessness prevention
- Families not requiring full 24/7 residential supervision

These services offer a cost-effective, community-based alternative to traditional residential placements.

We also have a designated property which provides a domestic, non-clinical environment for family contact and support within a homely setting

### **Evidence & Statistics**

Around 17,000 children are affected by maternal imprisonment each year in the UK (Prison Reform Trust, 2024).

58 % of women in prison report having dependent children (Ministry of Justice, 2024).

The average female custodial sentence in England & Wales is 12.2 months (MoJ, 2023).



Only about 5 % of children remain in the family home when their mother is imprisoned (Royal College of Midwives, 2023).

Short custodial sentences—even under one month—are rising in Wales and have increased 51 % since 2020 (Cardiff University, 2024).

A Senedd Cymru (2023) review found that even brief imprisonment for women increases reoffending risk and causes disproportionate harm to families.

Children separated by maternal imprisonment experience higher risks of mental-health issues, educational disruption, and housing instability (CYCJ Evidence Review, 2023).

These findings highlight the urgent need for community-based alternatives like 38.6 Solutions that preserve family bonds and support rehabilitation. As a service we have supported families with complex needs, creating a nurturing learning environment for families simultaneously ensuring the wellbeing and safety children remains a priority. Whilst our service has primarily been in supporting families undergoing parenting assessments our experience in providing high levels of support and supervision and extensive family focused learning programs makes it a natural fit to support mothers to remain with their children whilst they address the issues which have led to their offending and support them to break the cycle, prevent reoffending and provide a positive blueprint for the future of their children.

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