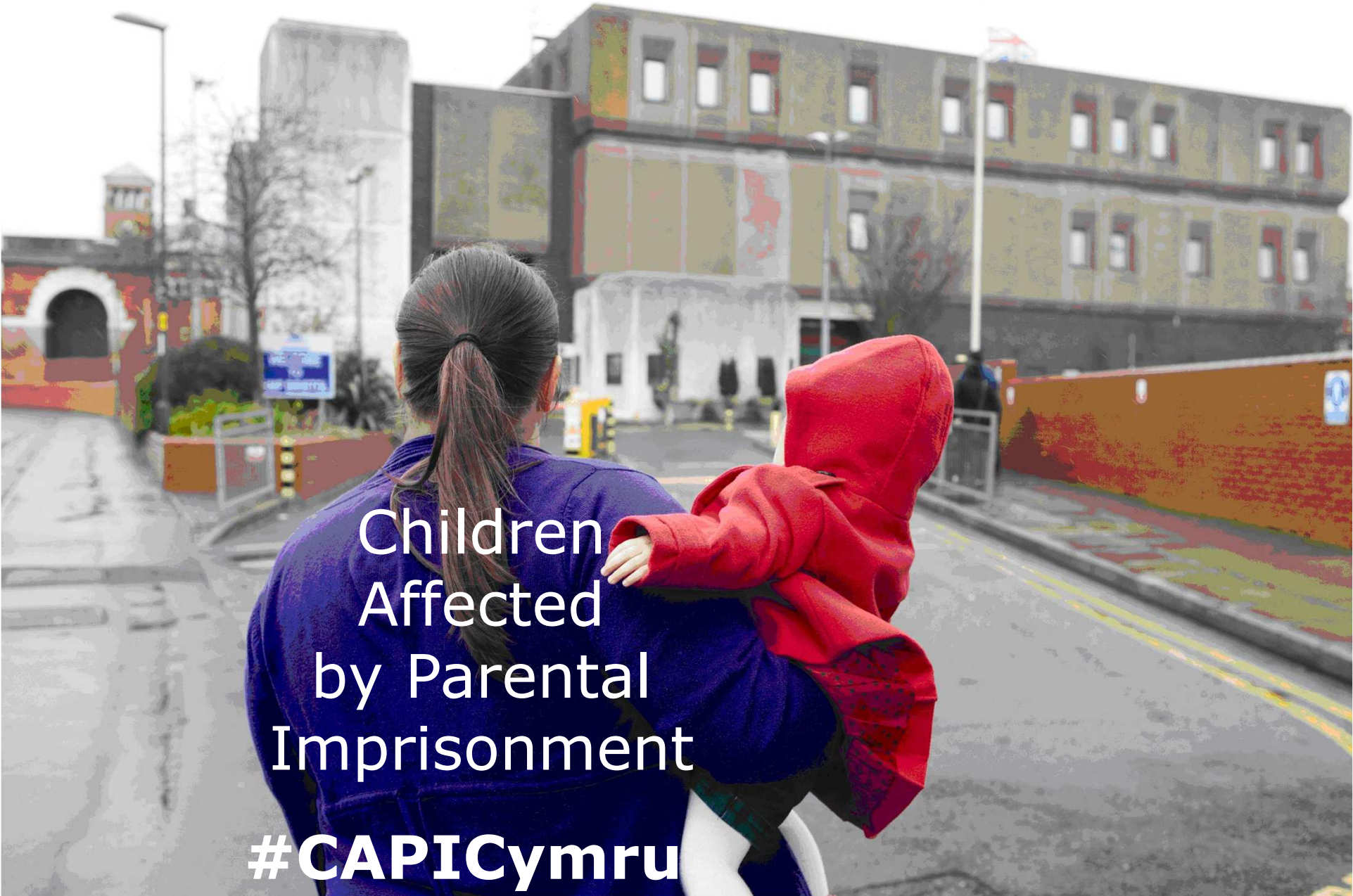


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- Community Support for Offenders' Families (CSOF)
- Invisible Walls Wales
- HMP Parc – Visitors Centre
- CAPI Talk Back

CSOF Case Study

- Referral received from School Based Counsellor
- Initial assessment completed and strengths and need identified
- Linked with probation, social services and prison to address delay in contact with father
- Sessions with family to prepare for visiting prison
- Follow up session following visit
- Remained point of contact for mother offering emotional support
- Remained in contact with referrer
- Awareness raising session delivered to School Based Counselling team

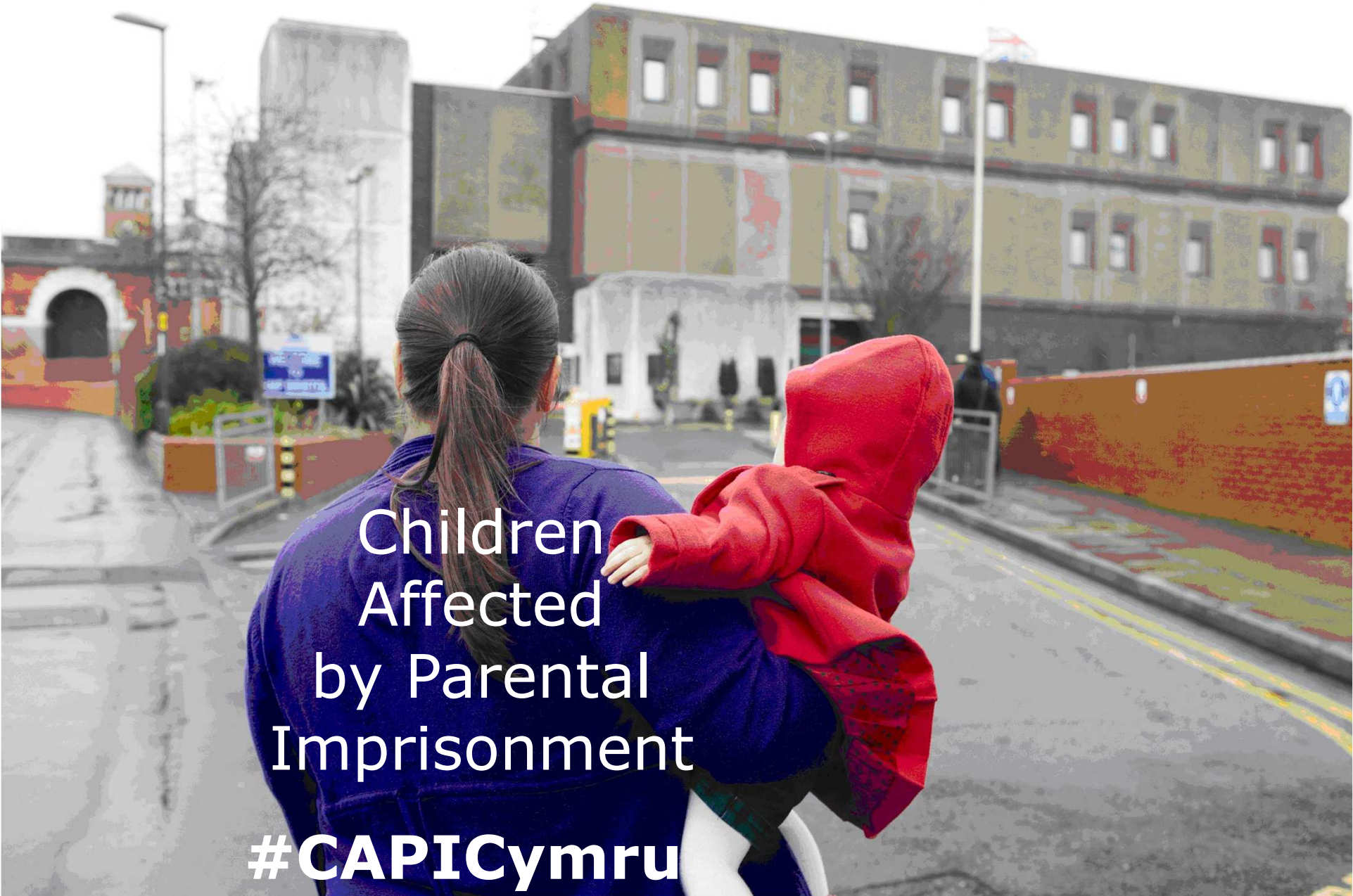
CSOF Supporting Education

- Barnardo's School Handbook
- Reducing stigma
- Working to increase home-school links
- Consultation support for schools
- Referrals for direct support for families, children and young people

Quotes from families

- ***"At first I didn't think it was good for anyone to know. But now it's good the teachers know, it means they can help me. If they didn't know, I wouldn't have anyone to talk to in school or be able to get any help. If they didn't know, I just wouldn't know what to do....."*** 'Oliver', 15 years old.
- ***"I felt too overwhelmed to approach the school about what had happened to our family. By having CSOF come with me to meetings, I now know we are not judged and can contact the teacher if I have any more worries...."***
- ***"If it wasn't for CSOF the support wouldn't have started and I don't know where the family would be now. CSOF has helped my family move on and the children are able to have a 'normal' life at last"***

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