
Families First Programme

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny
Commission

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Useful information

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1. Summary

1.1 A Presentation will be made to the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission outline the vision for the development of services in Leicester in response to the governments reforms to children's social care known as the Families First programme.

1.2 The Families First Partnership (FFP) Programme is a national initiative in England aimed at transforming children's social care by prioritising early intervention and family-focused support. It emphasises a whole-system approach to ensure that families receive timely, coordinated, and effective support tailored to their needs. The FFP aims to keep more children in safe and loving homes and improve child protection outcomes

2. Recommended actions/decision

2.1 Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission are asked to note the plans for development.

5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report or presentation. The work described in the presentation will be delivered using existing budgets and grants.

Signed: Mohammed Irfan, Head of Finance

Dated: 09 June 2025

5.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report aimed at early intervention.

Signed: Susan Holmes

Dated: 9th June 2025

5.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

The Families First Partnership (FFP) program aims to improve children's social care in England by promoting a more integrated, family-focused approach to early help and child protection. It emphasises early intervention, multi-agency collaboration, and ensuring that children and families access the right support when they need it, with the goal of keeping children within their family networks whenever possible. The development of services in Leicester in response to these government reforms to children's social care should lead to positive impacts for people from across many protected characteristics. It is important that we understand and account for the diverse backgrounds of families when providing support.

Signed: Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

Dated: 9 June 2025

5.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no climate emergency implications arising from this report.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2246

Dated: 9 June 2025

5.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)