



Hello,

Welcome you to our Families First Partnership Programme newsletter.

Here you will receive the very latest updates taking place across the borough of Rochdale as we deliver on the new national reforms taking shape in children's social care, including the **Families First Partnership Programme**.

Latest updates



Second Families First pilot announced

Following the introduction of the first Families First pilot in Heywood, partners are now in the process of preparing a second pilot in Rochdale South from September.

The existing Heywood pilot will run alongside this, with work currently underway to assess and reflect on the impact of the changes that have been made so far and how this is supporting families.

This includes the benefits of the new lead child protection practitioner role and the new multi-agency way of working.

Watch what Families First means for our borough...

As we continue to share messages on what Families First means for our borough, check out this new video we have created with our partners.

From how we are making changes to family help, family group decision making and our multi-agency child protection teams, to the impact Families First will have on our schools, health partners and the police, this informative video really helps you to understand more about the reforms.



The introduction of a new single assessment

One of the key tools that will be used under the new Family Help model is a single assessment.

Professionals will use this when they speak with families to understand their needs and identify any support, they may need from relevant services.

Our partners are currently in discussion with families and services on what this assessment should include going forward to ensure it includes a broad range of areas and helps to streamline the support families receive.

This will help families to avoid having to repeat their story over and over to different professionals as their journey of support progresses.

Discussions are also taking place to determine how this assessment will be implemented at the earliest level of support.



New look and feel to Families First

Thank you to everyone who has recently contributed to our conversations in recent weeks about our local Families First identity.

As you can see, we have a new logo which has been created following many discussions and feedback from residents and partners on what Families First means for our borough.

Get involved

We're continuing to receive local feedback

The views of our families, children and young people continue to be gathered by partners to ensure feedback is captured on our ongoing work. This includes views on the single assessment and what it should be called and look like.

We are also seeking views on our front door to positively engage with people on the services we deliver.

Our partners have been attending a number of events over the summer to listen to the views of more families, and have also been carrying out doorstep visits with families in Heywood as part of the first pilot to hear their views on the services they receive.

Thank you to all who have been involved so far.

Contact us

Want to know more about Families First or have your say on how we can work to implement these reforms at a local level?

Contact us today with your views via FamiliesFirst@Rochdale.gov.uk or [visit our website for more information.](#)