

Families First Partnership (FFP) Programme

Our approach to delivering FFP in Wakefield

Even better multi agency working across partners

- Programme work with partners continues across Social Care, Early Help, Police, Health and Education to ensure children and families receive coordinated support at the earliest opportunity. Joint arrangements are being developed through Family Help and Multi-Agency Child Protection Teams to strengthen information sharing, decision making and intervention planning.



A stronger joint approach between Social Care and the Police during Section 47 investigations

- The operating model for the Multi-Agency Child Protection Team has now been agreed through the Programme Board and work is progressing around staffing, accommodation, operational guidance and partnership arrangements ahead of implementation in Autumn 2026.

Strengthening Alignment and Consistency

- Revised practice standards, operating guidance and workflow arrangements are currently being tested through pilot activity to help ensure consistency of practice across teams before wider implementation.

Putting children at the forefront of all decisions

- Children's and families' voices continue to shape the programme. During July and August, families involved in Child Protection processes are being invited to share their views through a short survey which will help inform future developments. Results and learning will be shared in future updates.

Closer working between Targeted Early Help and Locality Teams

- Work continues to develop a seamless Family Help pathway, supporting children and families through a single approach across Targeted Early Help, Child in Need and Child Protection services. Practitioners from across services are helping to shape the future operating model through pilot activity and feedback sessions.

Communication Update July 2026



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An update on implementation of FFP in Wakefield

Multi-Agency Child Protection Team (MACPT)

- **Development of the MACPT is progressing** with partnership arrangements agreed in principle. The team will bring together Social Care, Police and Health colleagues to strengthen child protection responses and improve coordination of Section 47 enquiries. Work also continues with Education colleagues to determine how schools will connect into the model.

Family Help Pilot – Central Locality

- **A Family Help pilot launches in Central Locality this month** to test new guidance, practice standards and ways of working ahead of wider rollout across the district. Learning from the pilot will help shape future implementation.



FFP Launch Events Dates for your diary!

- **20th and 22nd October 2026 – Families First Launch Events.** Further details of these afternoon events will be shared soon. These events will introduce the future Family Help model, showcase new ways of working and provide an opportunity to hear from partner agencies. Attendees to attend 1 session.

Family Network Meetings and Family Network Support

- **Family Network Meetings continue to play a key role in identifying and involving family members early.** Work is underway to align these with Family Group Conferencing and Family Group Decision Making approaches. Family Network Support Packages will offer practical assistance such as travel costs, childcare, equipment and home adaptations where needed.

FFP Engagement Event Come and join us and share your views!

 **Date: Thursday 20 August**
 **Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm**
 **Venue: Wakefield Trinity RLFC**

Join us at Wakefield Trinity RLFC to share your views on implementation plans and take part in themed workshops. If you have not received an invitation, please use the booking link to reserve a place.

[Families First Partnership Communication and Engagement Event Tickets, Thursday 20 August • 9 AM - 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

