



## SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

### Report

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>22 January 2026</b>				
<b>Title of report</b>	<b>Children's Services Reforms &amp; Families First</b>				
<b>This report is for</b> (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations	x	Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)	Information only (No recommendations)	
<b>Reporting Officer &amp; email</b>	<a href="mailto:Natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk">Natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk</a>				
<b>Which Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply</b>	Children & Young People	X	Joined up working		X
	Mental Health	X	Improving Population Health		X
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity	X	Working with and building strong and vibrant communities		X
	Workforce	X	Reduce inequalities (see below)		X
<b>What inequalities does this report address?</b>	The Children's Services Reforms specifically reference socioeconomic, educational, health, social and cultural, geographical, care and intersectional inequalities.				
<b>Report content -</b>					
<p><b>1. Executive Summary:</b> A report has been prepared for scrutiny and cabinet within the Local Authority to provide an overview of the national reforms that will impact on Children's Services. These reforms include National Youth Strategy, Families First Partnership and Best Start in Life Family Hubs. All these reforms relate to rebalancing the system towards early help and support for children and young people in inclusive communities. As the report is a partnership endeavour which relates so closely to the Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities we wanted to ensure that this was shared with partners to ensure that people had an overview of the programmes and could consider how this links to areas of work underway to ensure strategic alignment and accountability for the work underway. We will present a short update on the Families First Programme at the meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Recommendations</b> The Board is asked to note the contents of Appendix A. Families First – presentation Appendix B. POSC Report - Children's Services Reforms January 2026</p> <p><b>3. Report:</b> Please see Appendix A &amp; B.</p> <p>Please apply to <a href="mailto:natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk">natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk</a> if you wish to be sent: The Children's Transformation Plan (and other supporting material).</p>					
<b>Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal</b> (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)	See report				
<b>Financial implications</b>	See report				

(Any financial implications of note)		
<b>Climate Change Appraisal as applicable</b>	See report	
<b>Where else has the paper been presented?</b>	System Partnership Boards	People Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Shropshire Council
	Voluntary Sector	
	Other	
<b>List of Background Papers:</b> All included in paper and appendices		
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) or your organisational lead e.g., Exec lead or Non-Exec/Clinical Lead</b>  Ruth Houghton (Lead Member) David Shaw (Director Children's Services)		
<b>Appendices</b> Appendix A. Families First Overview – presentation Appendix B. POSC Report – Children's Services January 2026		