



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD Report

Meeting Date	22 January 2026				
Title of report	Children's Services Reforms & Families First				
This report is for (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)		Information only (No recommendations)
Reporting Officer & email	Natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk				
Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joined up working		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Mental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improving Population Health		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Working with and building strong and vibrant communities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reduce inequalities (see below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
What inequalities does this report address?	The Children's Services Reforms specifically reference socioeconomic, educational, health, social and cultural, geographical, care and intersectional inequalities.				

Report content -

1. Executive Summary: 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.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the contents of
 Appendix A. Families First – presentation
 Appendix B. POSC Report - Children's Services Reforms January 2026

3. Report:

Please see Appendix A & B.

Please apply to natasha.moody@shropshire.gov.uk if you wish to be sent:
 The Children's Transformation Plan (and other supporting material).

Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal <i>(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)</i>	See report
Financial implications	See report

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