



## Sefton Families First Partnership

### Families First – Newsletter

### February & March Update

Hello everyone!

Thank you to all the young people, parents, carers, workers and partners who joined our Families First meetings throughout February and March. Your ideas, honesty and enthusiasm are helping us make real progress. Here's a friendly roundup of what we've been working on — and what's coming next.

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#### 🌟 Feedback from Sefton Families

At the very start of our Families First journey, we spoke to more than **600 families** across Sefton about what's working well and what needs to improve.

You can now view the full results — as well as a short animation video — on our webpage:

👉 [You Said, We're Listening](#)

Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences. Your voices are shaping every step we take.

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#### 📄 The Single “Assessment” and Plan

Over recent months, workers, children, young people and parent/carers have helped design a new Single Assessment and Plan document. The aim is to bring everything together in one clear, shared place, so that families do not have to repeat themselves.

Families told us they **didn't want the word “Assessment”** in the title — and we listened.

After a vote with **133 responses**, the favourite name was:

#### 🌟 Family Support Plan 🌟

We'll begin testing the Family Support Plan as part of our Bootle Pilot, making sure it feels simple, supportive and genuinely useful for families.

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#### 🌟 Bootle Pilot – Working Together to Help Families

From **13 April 2026**, we'll be piloting a new seamless way of working in Bootle.

Workers from different services (like Early Help and Children's Social Care) will come together in small teams called **Pods**. This means:

- Families won't have to repeat their story over and over
- Decisions can be made more quickly
- Support will be offered closer to where families live
- We can test the new **Family Support Plan** in real situations
- We can understand what works well — and what we can improve — before making wider change

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**Our subgroups have also started to:**

- Assess training needs across all partners, to develop a shared multi agency training programme and standards, to ensure everyone is confident, consistent, and better equipped to support children and families.
- Review current processes for how partners work together to protect children, learning from national best practice, and developing improved multi agency child protection models to ensure faster, safer, and more joined up support for families.
- Develop a local outcomes and framework – to define what success looks like and how progress will be measured across the partnership.
- Work on an agreement document that sets out what families can expect from the professionals working with them, and what professionals can expect from families.
- Create content for the Families First video, with filming underway, starring some of our young people, parent’s carers and professionals.

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**Thank You**

A huge thank you again to all the young people, parents, carers, workers and partners who share ideas and help us improve. You are helping build a kinder, simpler, and more supportive system for every family in Sefton.

If you want to get involved or share your ideas, email us at:

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