

And we're off! Great Start to Our **Family First** Implementation Journey in Cheshire East

We've officially launched our Families First development in Cheshire East, a huge thank you to everyone who joined our Partnership launch event on 26th June, almost **80 colleagues** from **over 10 different agencies** were able to join us! It was fantastic to see such energy, insight, and commitment from across the partnership.

For those who are new to Families First reforms, the Families First Partnership Programme is currently being rolled out across the country following the learning from ten Families First for Children Pathfinder areas. The aim of the programme is to transform the whole system of help, support and protection to ensure every family can access the right help and support when they need it - it includes a strong emphasis on early intervention to prevent crisis. All areas are required to implement the reforms by April 2026.

We're now moving into the next exciting phase of our implementation journey in Cheshire East: **co-design workshops**. These sessions are bringing together practitioners from different services to help shape what the Families First reforms will look like in Cheshire East. We're already seeing some great ideas forming, and it's clear there's a shared passion for doing things differently – and better – for our children and families.

Over the summer, we'll be turning our focus to **engaging with children and families**. Their voices are essential in making sure we get this right, and we're planning a series of creative, community-based opportunities to hear directly from them.

Together, we're building new ways of working, rooted in relationships, responsive to need, and shaped by the people who matter most.

