

Cheshire East Families First Partnership

Families First Newsletter January 2026

2026 is going to be a big year for our Families First Partnership in Cheshire East and we look forward to building on the progress we have already made in 2025:

- Six Families First staff events held during April, May, June and July with 291 attendees from across children's services
- We worked closely with our partners - our Families First Partnership event took place on 26 June, with nearly 80 colleagues coming together from over 10 different agencies
- Thank you so much to everyone who attended and contributed, your work at these events has informed our Families First Delivery Plan
- We have submitted our Families First Delivery Plan to DfE ahead of deadlines!
- We agreed our 4 locality areas that we will work towards implementing in 2026 and are developing locality profiles – building on the great work in Family Hubs and Collaboratives – thank you to everyone involved!
- We held lots of co-design workshops to develop a shared understanding of the reforms with partners, and to learn from Pathfinders
- We worked with colleagues from Health and education through webinars and attending events, so together we have a shared understanding of the reforms
- We raised the profile of the Families First Programme at Cheshire East Council Staff Events in September
- Engaged with our Voluntary and Community Sector colleagues to share our Families First journey
- Started work on our 'Talk to us' activity – listening to children and families to understand the things that are important to them

We're excited for what this year will bring and will be focusing on developing our new ways of working in the Spring, ready to begin to 'test and learn' new ways of working in Summer 2026. We will be in touch to share dates for workshops and events in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to everyone for your involvement and contributions so far!

For more information on Families First visit our webpage: [Families First](#)

