



Somerset
Council

We want to hear from you!
Have your say on

The Families First Partnership (FFP) Programme





What is the FFP Programme?

The Government is proposing important changes to how children and families are supported. They have called this the Families First Partnership Programme. These changes are all about giving every child the best start in life, making sure they're safe, secure, and have the chance to do well and be happy. The idea is to focus on what's best for children and families, making sure support is based on strong relationships and led by families themselves.



What do the changes mean?

1. One plan, one person

Instead of lots of different plans and people, you would have one main person who helps you and your family. They would make sure everything is joined up and makes sense.

2. Help before things get tough

The FFP Programme is aimed at early help - before things get really hard. That means you might get support sooner, including someone to talk to, help at school, or advice for your family.

3. Your voice matters

You will be asked what you think, how you feel, and what you want. Your ideas could help shape the support you get. You won't just be listened to - you'll have an opportunity to help design the Programme if you want to.



What could this mean for you?

- You'd be involved in decisions about your life.
- You'd have one person who knows your story and helps you.
- You'd get help earlier, not just when things go wrong.
- You'd be asked what works for you - and what doesn't.



Your views are important to us

We're inviting you to share your experiences, ideas, and recommendations on what you think the Families First Partnership (FFP) Programme should look like. We want to know what you think is currently working well in family services, and what changes you think can be made to improve how we work together.



Why your views matter

The children and families we work with are the most important part of what we do. If you share your ideas, experiences, and thoughts with us in our public consultation, it will help us make changes that work better for you.

We will look at all the feedback we get by 31 January 2026 and will let you know how it has helped us improve our services.

We also want to set up small group meetings, called focus groups, so you can join in and help us find better ways to support children and families in Somerset. These meetings will give everyone a chance to talk and share ideas.

If you'd like to be part of a focus group, there will be an opportunity for you to register your interest in the consultation.



Get involved

We invite you to share your experiences and ideas. We want to know through this consultation what you think is working well and where there are opportunities for us to do better.

Take part in the consultation by scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/children-and-families-social-care-reforms-consulta/>

Email: **socialcarereforms@somerset.gov.uk**



Thank you for your time, your views matter to us.

