



Sefton Families First Partnership

This Weeks Internal Spotlight

ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESS UPDATE

BEAM NOTES

We are pleased to announce that Sefton Children's Services has purchased Beam Notes for all practitioners.



Have Your Say – Complete the Baseline Survey

Please take 5 minutes to complete the baseline survey to help us understand current experiences and confidence levels before Beam Notes is introduced.

 Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hzM6v5XcfUyUDknML8nU8doBRMkbogpBu3XUuA437d5URDBZVUIFWUtFVIZBNTVHVk9CQTRFVk5IMC4u>

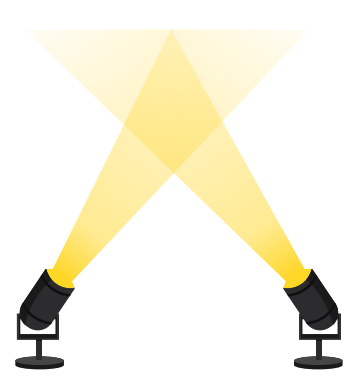
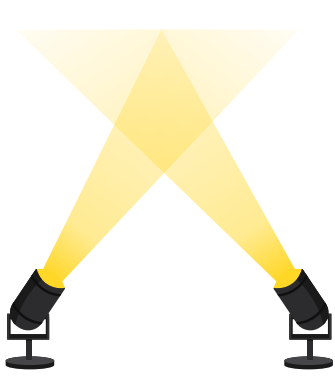
 Please complete the survey by **12:00 noon on Friday 17 July 2026.**

Getting Started

To support the rollout, a series of training sessions have been arranged. You only need to attend one session to get started and feel confident using Beam Notes from day one.

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD OUTCOMES

The Board has agreed to hold an extended Partnership Board meeting on 19 August to share and discuss the new operating model. Further updates and information will be provided in due course.



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SYSTEMIC TRAINING - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Expression of Interest for Systemic Training have been shared with the Workforce starting this Autumn. There is a choice of either 5 day or 15 day training courses.

These programmes offer an excellent opportunity to develop your skills, strengthen your practice and become a champion for systemic working within your team.

 Closing date for Expressions of Interest: **15 July**

 Submit applications to: **childrenstransformation@sefton.gov.uk**

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to invest in your professional development and be part of shaping systemic practice across Sefton Children's Services.

SAFEGUARDING & QA SERVICE ENGAGEMENT

We recently met with colleagues from the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service to share the latest updates on the Families First reforms and Sefton's developing Multi-Agency Child Protection Team (MACPT) model.

The session enabled open discussion about the national direction, local progress, and what the changes may mean for practice, with attendees raising valuable questions and considerations. The insights gathered will help inform the next phase of design and implementation as we continue to build the model with our workforce and partners.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Your expertise and reflections are helping us build a stronger, more effective model alongside our workforce and partners.



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FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING (FGDM)

This recent workshop highlighted the value of involving families earlier and making better use of family networks to support children and young people. Feedback showed that Family Group Conferences and Family Group decision making are most effective when offered early, remain family-led, and give families the time and space to develop their own plans before concerns reach crisis point.

Key recommendations included:

- Earlier and more consistent use of FGDM across a child's journey.
- Clear guidance on the purpose and differences between FGC and FGDM.
- Improved staff training and awareness.
- Defined referral pathways and trigger points.
- Stronger recording, reporting and supervision processes.
- Ensuring family plans actively inform statutory decision-making.



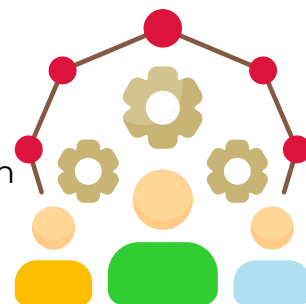
Work will now continue to develop clearer pathways, training and processes to help embed family-led decision-making across Children's Services

FFP TEAMS HOUR

Following the success of our previous session, the next FFP Teams Hour will take place on **21st July, from 1-2pm**. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear directly from senior leaders and stay informed about key developments within the Families First Programme. At this session, we will be sharing the proposed new operating model - so please join the session to give your feedback and ask initial questions. Stay tuned for further updates and details in the coming weeks.

MULTI-AGENCY OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Multi-Agency Outcomes Framework Development Workshop. This full day session was focussed on working together to design a partnership based outcome framework.



Key next steps from the workshop are:

- Developing the Sefton Outcomes Framework by collating and analysing the feedback gathered through the workshop activities.
- Using the valuable feedback gathered on what is needed to achieve these outcomes to inform the refresh of the Education Strategy and Action Plan.
- Sharing the emerging findings with partnership leaders to gather further feedback and help shape the future direction of the Strategy.
- Supporting school leaders and partners in the development of an Inclusion Strategy, drawing on the insights and feedback generated through this work.

SEFTON FAMILY LIFE TOOLKIT

Have you watched the Sefton Family Life Toolkit guide video yet?

 **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/QnFo6io9SUc>

We encourage all professionals to take a few minutes to watch the video and see how the Sefton Family Life Toolkit can help you work with families and support better outcomes for children and young people.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged, supported and contributed so far. The energy, honesty and collaboration we're seeing across teams is what will make this programme a success.



Let's keep the momentum going!

We cannot build a new way of working for you without building it with you.

If you'd like to get involved or have any questions, please contact the Children's Transformation Team:
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