

Nottinghamshire Families First Partnership

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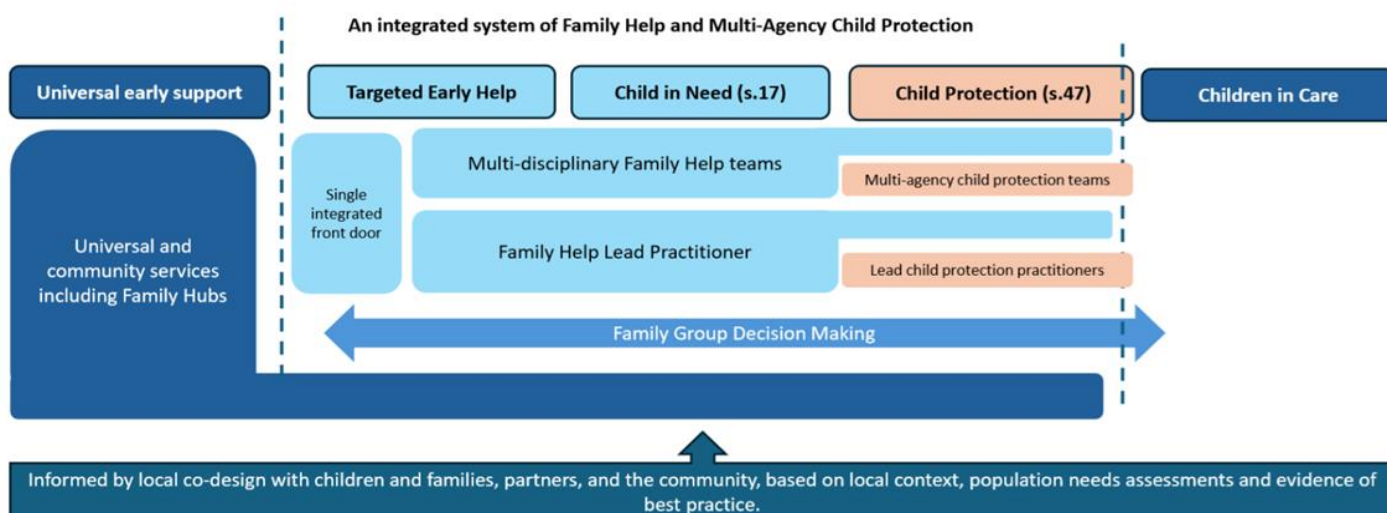
The Families First Partnership (FFP) programme is designed to improve how organisations work together to support families and protect children. It aims to create a seamless system that combines early help for families and multi-agency child protection.

As part of this programme, we will work closely with colleagues, families and children, to understand what currently works and how the local system could be better. We will test and learn together to create a whole-system approach to focus more on earlier intervention and improved joined-up child protection processes.

Local partners, including the council, the police and health organisations will develop a system where:

1. **Multi-disciplinary Family Help** provides early intervention and support to families with complex needs.
2. **Multi-agency Child Protection Teams (MACPTs)** with the police, education, health and the local authority, forming expert-led teams to handle child protection matters.
3. **Family Help Lead Practitioners** are a main point of contact for each family to coordinate support.
4. **Family Group Decision Making** to empower families to make plans for their children's welfare. From the first contact a multi-disciplinary approach will enable and support families.
5. **Improved data sharing** and partners using the same measures to track progress.

Locally designed systems that meet the needs of the population with effective, integrated and joined up services with partners



The benefits of this approach:

- Children and families have fewer changes in their main contact person (lead practitioner), allowing them to build better relationships with professionals - improving trust and co-operation.
- Families should feel empowered and involved in decision-making.
- Children's safety, well-being and stability are improved; keeping families together whenever possible.
- Better co-ordination and collaboration between partner agencies, ensuring that families receive comprehensive and consistent (relevant?) support.

For more information: [The Families First Partnership \(FFP\) Programme Guide \(March 2025\)](#)