

Families First Partnership Programme

Glossary of Key Terms

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Legislation introducing reforms to strengthen multi-agency safeguarding, mandate FGDM, and improve data sharing.

Contextual Safeguarding: An approach to understanding and responding to risks children face outside the home, such as in peer groups or online.

Evidence-Based Interventions (EBIs): Support programmes or practices proven effective through research and evaluation.

Families First Partnership (FFP): A government programme aimed at transforming family support systems to provide earlier, integrated help and protection for children and families.

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM): A voluntary process where a family network creates a plan to address concerns about a child's welfare, supported by professionals. Often delivered through Family Group Conferences (FGCs).

Family Help: A whole family, early intervention support system for families with multiple or complex needs, including targeted early help and child in need services.

Family Help Lead Practitioner (FHLPr): A professional (social worker or other qualified practitioner) who coordinates support for a family, maintains relationships, and leads direct work throughout their engagement with Family Help.

Front Door Arrangements: The initial point of contact for families seeking help, where referrals are triaged to appropriate services.

Lead Child Protection Practitioner (LCPP): An experienced social worker embedded in MACPTs who leads statutory child protection decisions and supports practitioners.

Multi-agency Child Protection Team (MACPT): A team of experts from social care, police, health, education, and other agencies responsible for child protection decisions and actions under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.

National Framework (Children's Social Care): A framework setting out principles, outcomes, and enablers for good practice in children's social care.

Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP): local partnership of Designated Safeguarding Partners (Health, Social Care and Police) and other key

statutory and VCS partners with responsibilities for safeguarding children including Education.

Section 17 (Children Act 1989): Legal duty for local authorities to provide services to children in need to safeguard and promote their welfare.

Section 47 (Children Act 1989): Legal duty for local authorities to investigate if a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Team Around the Family (TAF): A group of professionals coordinated by the FHLP to provide tailored support to a family.