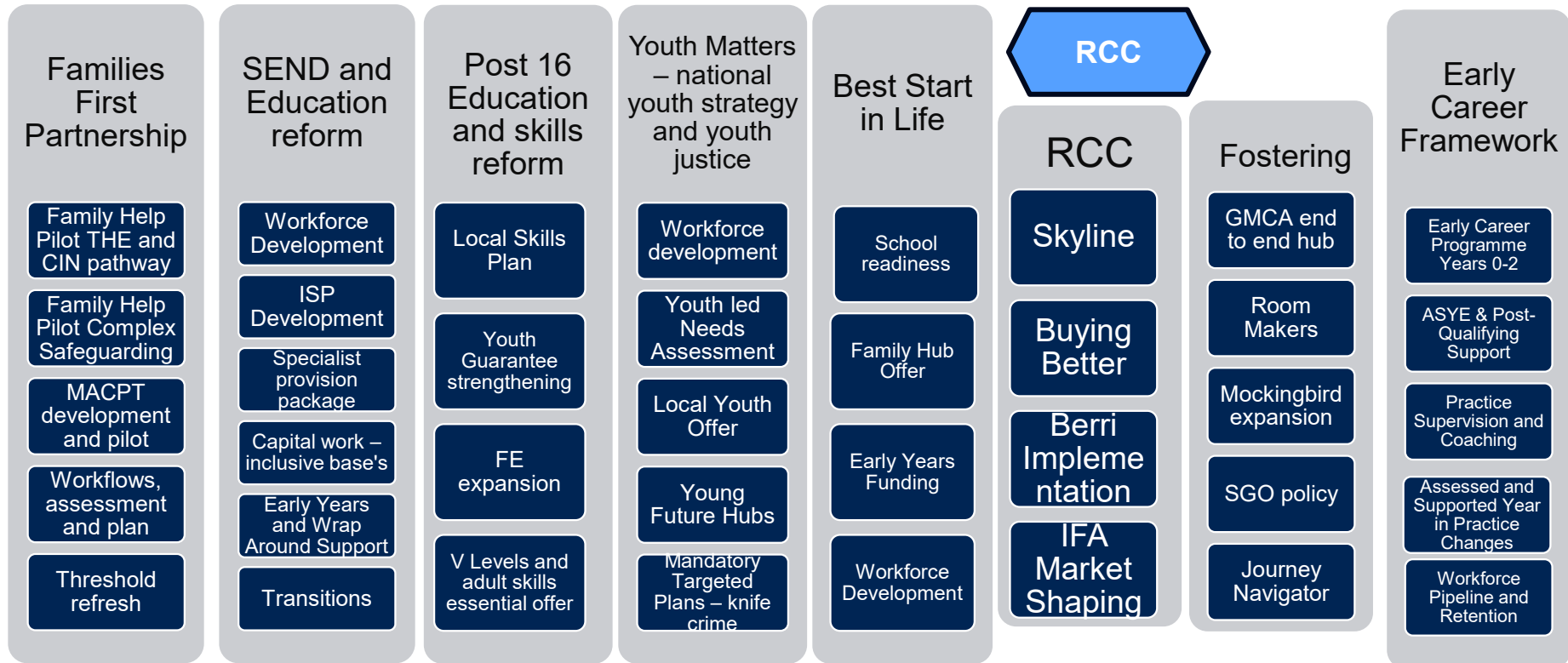


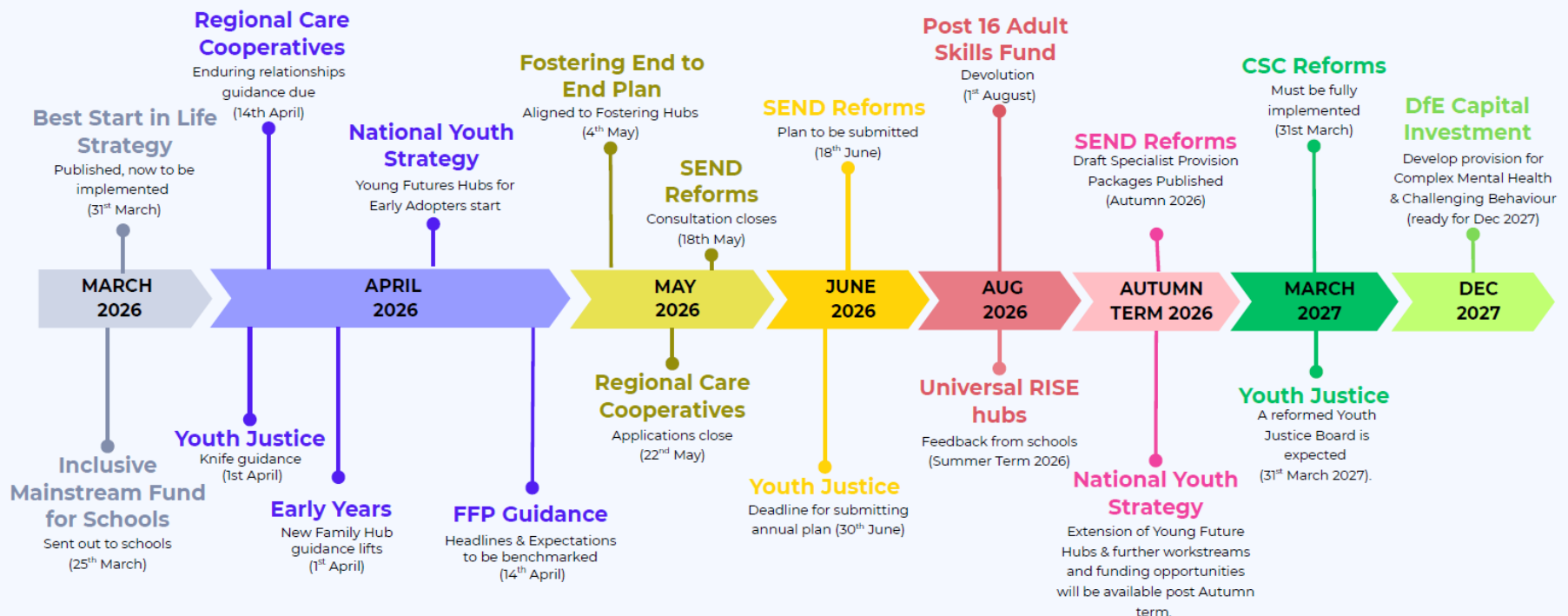
Children's Transformation Update

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Nationally driven programmes of work



National Reforms and Key Change Initiatives, 2026–2027



Implications for SY ICB

Families First Partnership

- FFP requires Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to act as a core statutory partner in reshaping children's services. ICBs must collaborate on "Family Help" initiatives, sharing data and integrating health services deeper into local authority safeguarding and early intervention pathways to create a unified system of help and prevent escalation to statutory care.

Key implications for ICBs include:

- Strategic Leadership and Accountability (Reinforced responsibilities as statutory safeguarding partner)
- Integrated Commissioning & Data Sharing
- Jointly lead Service Redesign (transformation)
- Focus on Outcomes and Data.



Implications for SY ICB

SEND Reforms

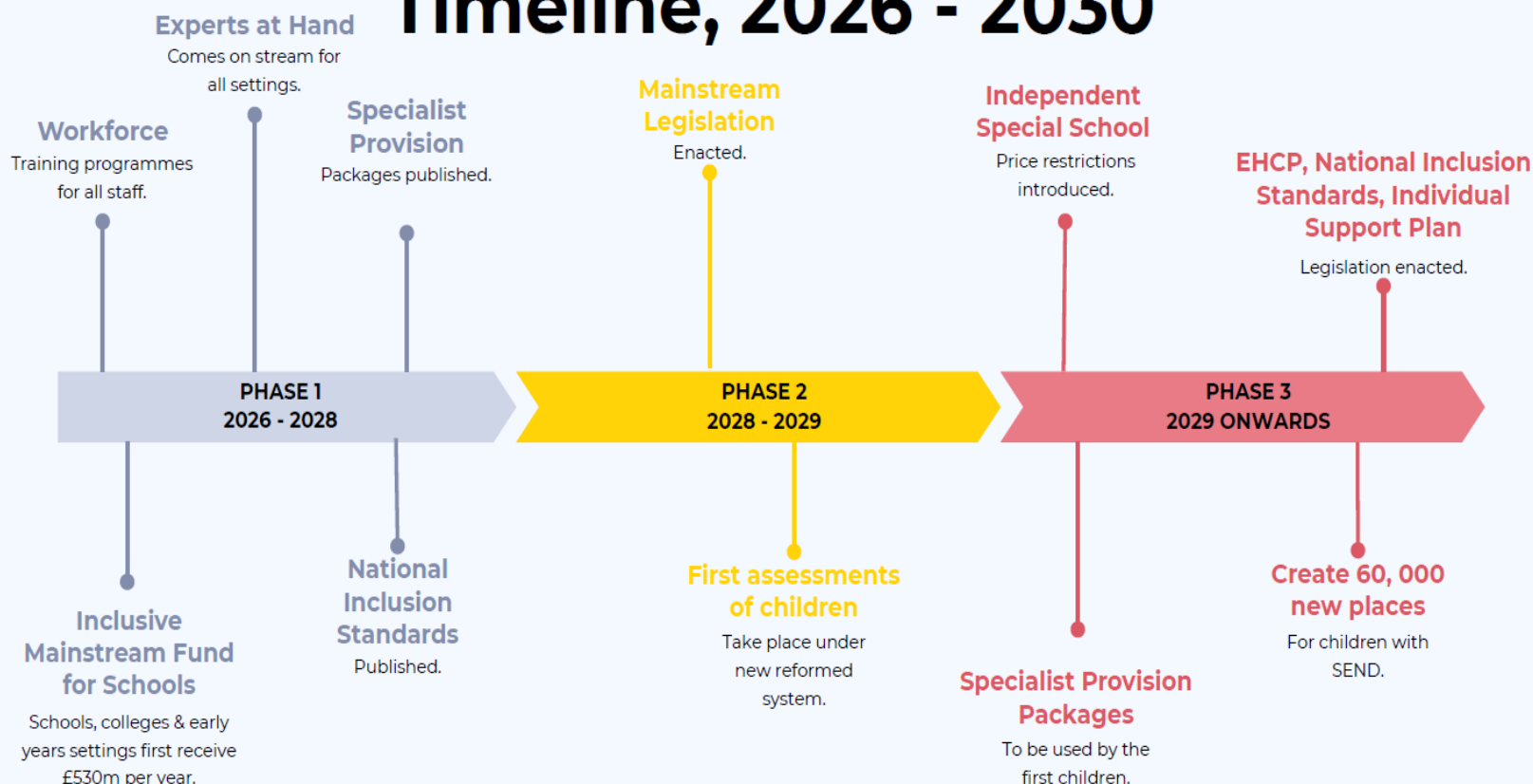
Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) have a strengthened, mandatory role to co-commission services, increased accountability for health outcomes, shared responsibility for SEND Reform Plans and the duty to deliver "experts at hand" in schools to ensure earlier intervention and reduced long-term dependency.

Key implications for ICBs include:

- **Strategic Leadership & Accountability:** ICBs must co-sign and own local SEND plans, the DfE can intervene if standards are not met.
- **Integrated Commissioning:** ICBs are tasked with creating a "local area offer" as part of the 'Experts at Hand' support for school including SALT and OT.
- **Data Sharing:** ICBs must provide timely information for reporting and facilitate information sharing between providers and the local authority to support delivery of the reforms (patient identifiable).
- **Financial & Resource Allocation:** Pooled or aligned budgets with local authorities.

DfE National SEND Reforms

Timeline, 2026 - 2030



FFPP

Build

Understand our communities

Complete a Needs Analysis

Family Group Decision Making

Establish clear leadership and workforce development

Family Help Teams

Agree workforce, workforce development, locations

Multi-Agency Child Protection Teams

Agree delivery model, workforce, workforce development

Engage and Involve

Co-produce a threshold document and consistent engagement model.

Deliver

Family Group Decision Making

Family Network Meetings, Family Group conferencing and a Family Network support offer

Family Help

Provide a seamless journey for families accessing help inclusive of targeted early help and child in need services.

Multi-Agency Child Protection

Provide a robust response when children experience harm inclusive of multi-agency child protection services including health, police, education and specialist services e.g. Domestic Abuse, Adult Mental Health and Learning Disability, Substance/ Alcohol misuse

Enable

Digital and Data

Information sharing and integrated data systems and reporting improve decision making

Workforce

A multi-agency workforce (co-located where possible) has access to a workforce development offer that ensures they are skilled, supported and connected.

Governance

Robust governance strengthens partnerships and accountability

SEND plan

Build

Response to SEND Reforms

Address the national and local pressures

Focus on Early Intervention

Improve outcomes and reduce escalation

Governance and Accountability

Clear escalation routes, shared ownership and accountability.

Co-production

Parents/ Carers and young people contribute to shaping and implementing reforms

Strengthened Inclusion Principles

Build workforce capacity to support children locally

Deliver

Experts at Hand Delivery Offer

Stand up an MDT with co-produced standards

Inclusion Bases

Design and open first Inclusion bases

Practice and Pathways

Launch pathways for ESBA, Transition

Capital and Sufficiency

Approve Capital investment strategy, requests for inclusion bases and travel assessments

Parental Confidence and Satisfaction

Co-produced QA and parental confidence measure

Enable

Data and Monitoring

Single dashboard and QA framework

Workforce

Workforce has access to a workforce development offer that ensures they are skilled, supported and connected.

Governance

Robust governance and escalation strengthens accountability

Year 1 Success Measures

FFPP

- Family Network Meetings, Family Group conferencing and a Family Network support offer
- Co-produced family friendly threshold document
- Family Help Offer
- Multi-Agency Child Protection Response

SEND

- Experts at Hand Delivery Offer
- Inclusion Bases
- Practice and Pathways
- CYPS Capital Sufficiency Plan
- Parental Confidence and Satisfaction

How is it fitting together.....

1. Transforming through technology

1. System Development

2. Digitally enabled workforce

2. Neighbourhoods and Communities

3. Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy

3. Children young people and family experiences

4. Family First

5. SEND and education reform

6. BSiL

7. Post 16 education and Skills

8. Sufficiency and Market Shaping

9. Youth Matters

10. Early Career Framework

11. Kinship Care



Co-production
Voice and participation



Data and Insights

Proposed Governance

Rotherham SEND Governance – May 2026

