



Strategic plans 2020 - 2023

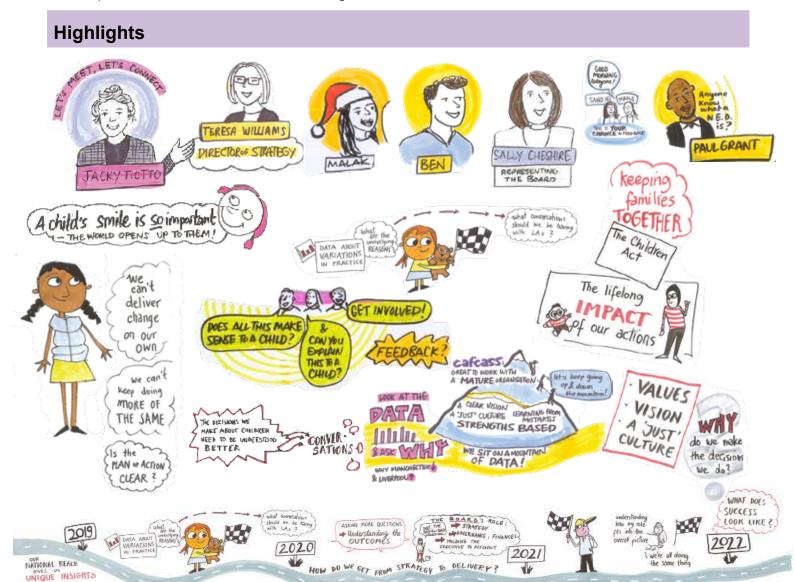
Feedback and Planning Report – January 2020

Welcome to this feedback report from our recent roadshow programme. The first thing to say is happy new year and thank you to everyone who took the time to come, gave energy to participate and was honest in giving their views about where we need to focus our efforts and plans.

This document is a short summary to enable and promote further local discussion and regional planning. Our aim is to stay connected as we plan for the years ahead. More formal commitments will be provided early in 2020 setting out timetables and final details about our strategic priorities that you have helped to develop. There are some next steps for every region set out at the end of the report. Again, thank you in advance for your thinking and participation.

Between October and December last year, a series of eight roadshows was held across the country to bring together key members of the senior leadership team and our Board, with staff from all corners of the organisation.

The roadshows focused on our thinking and planning together against the three pillars of our strategic plan – our **Practice**, **People and Partners**. It was also an opportunity for all of you to share your thoughts and experiences, and to connect with colleagues from other areas and teams.



Attendees



"It was a really good overview of our key focuses. But I think more time to think through the detail and the pillars, and more detail on the pillars themselves would have helped discussions."



"I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and having a big part for the vision for the next three years."

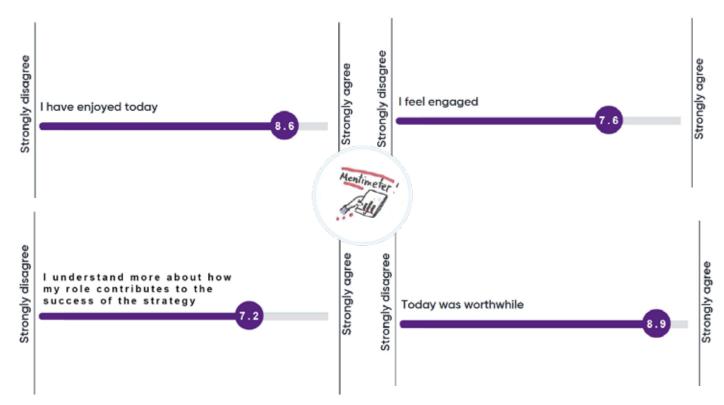


"I was rather concerned that the event would be very much a one-person show. I was positively surprised and really appreciated the opportunity to get involved. Really good engagement - more of this is needed!"

"I liked the way the roadshow was organised. In particular, it was great to see participation from all."

Your feedback

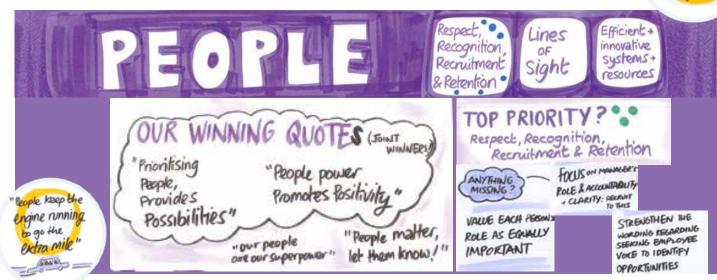
Over 500 staff provided feedback about the roadshows through the live Mentimeter voting app.





Practice, People and Partners







What you thought needed to be considered as part of our strategic delivery plan

Many of your ideas have been captured in the seven graphic records shown at the end of this paper but the main themes have been listed below.

- Improve how we share and understand our data, experiences and expertise/knowledge and practice across Cafcass and beyond.
- Managing demand internally and working together with partners including a focus on case loads.
- Building better relationships and working together with local authorities, courts and judiciary.
- Commissioned services how can we improve them and prioritise demand?
- Early intervention/pre-proceedings how can we have a stronger influence?
- **Private law themes and outcomes** need to be better understood.
- Robust local authority referrals if a child is at risk of harm or has been harmed.
- **Staff development** opportunities and career pathways.
- Stronger emphasis on health and wellbeing of our people.
- Stronger emphasis on recruitment and retention, including pay scales.
- Strengthening and promoting diversity across all our work practice, people and partners.
- **Issues around isolation** striking the balance between remote and office working.
- **Regional differences** understanding, respecting and responding to different issues and needs.
- **Feedback** gathering and learning from feedback from children, families, our partners and our staff.
- Use of language how we communicate our strategy to children, families and our partners.
- Making sure that the protection of children, and their families, and the promotion of their welfare features in all our strategic planning and the way children experience us.
- Being able to show that we are able to learn from feedback.

What you said we could do differently or better

Many of you had suggestions about how we could have improved the roadshows which we hope we can continue in some form. You asked for:

- More staff present how can we reach everyone in the organisation?
- More time for:
 - networking and getting to know colleagues
 - table discussion
 - question and answer session
- Less jargon, clearer language.
- More detail on the delivery priorities.
- Experiences and feedback from children, young people and families, including the Family Justice Young People's Board.
- Experiences and feedback from our partners, including local authorities and the judiciary.
- Sharing knowledge and experiences from all staff.
- A regional focus could we have more regular regional roadshows?
- More discussion about how roles and teams fit into the strategy and its delivery.
- Different ways of engagement. You said you loved Mentimeter but wanted more opportunity for Q&A and table discussions.
- Next steps and updates about the strategy. You said you want to be kept up to date about next steps with regular updates of what and how we are delivering the strategy.













What's next?

We are committed to keeping the momentum of the roadshows going, so that you feel able to stay connected to the development and delivery of our priorities. We also want to learn from your feedback about whether the things we prioritise help you to be more effective and make more of a difference to children and families.

We therefore propose for everyone:

For the Directors leading Practice (Kevin Gibbs and Anji Owen), People (Julie Brown) and Partners (Teresa Williams) to work with the extended leadership team to finalise the project scopes. These will be shared with you before they are published in April, and we will also invite staff across the organisation to contribute to project teams for each of the delivery priorities.

We have asked all Assistant Directors and Heads of Profession to ensure that every service and team has the opportunity to review at least one of the graphic records from the roadshows, together with the further detail of the delivery priorities, and use these to identify how local and regional improvement plans for practice or corporate functions can take forward the thinking to ensure we keep the 'golden thread' between the national delivery plan and the contribution of teams, areas and regions.

As we move into our delivery phase from April 2020, all team managers – supported by the <u>Strategy Champions</u> - will be asked to review with you progress against the national delivery priorities with you every six months and collate your feedback so that they influence the work plan and our leadership priorities for the next six month period.

More detail will be discussed with you in your team meetings in the coming weeks so that you can continue to stay connected to the work!

You can find the <u>graphic records here</u>. If you have asked for an original for an office base, we are on the case and helping it to find its way to you, framed and ready to display!

Thank you!

Thank you everyone for coming out to a roadshow and for your engagement and support. It really was so encouraging, impressive and inspiring.

We continue to welcome your feedback and ideas on our strategy and delivery priorities. Please email OrganisationalStrategyRefresh@cafcass.gov.uk.









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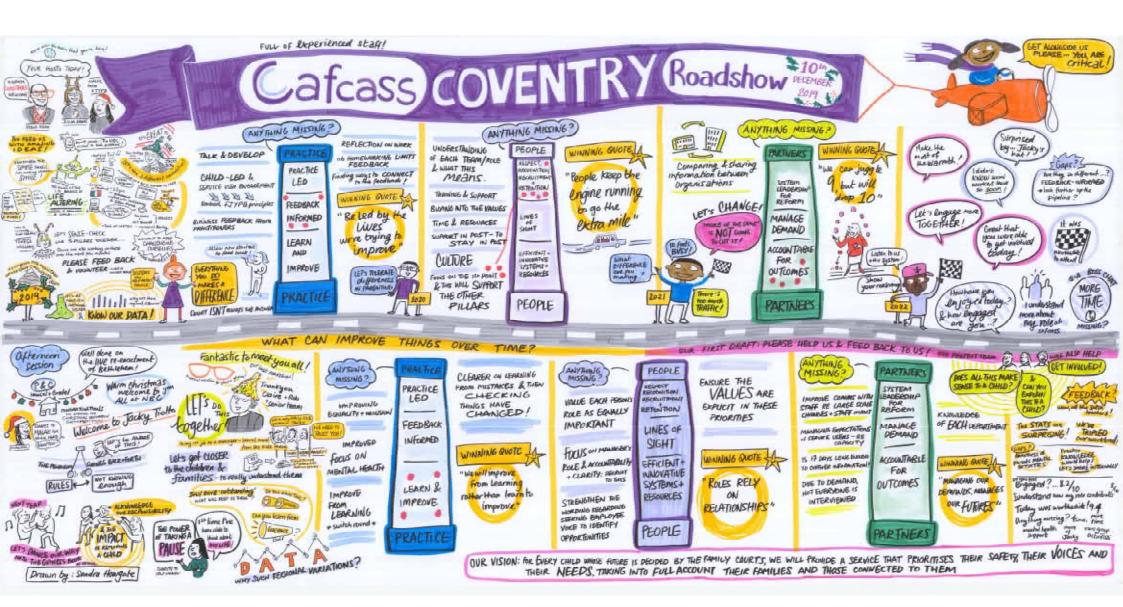
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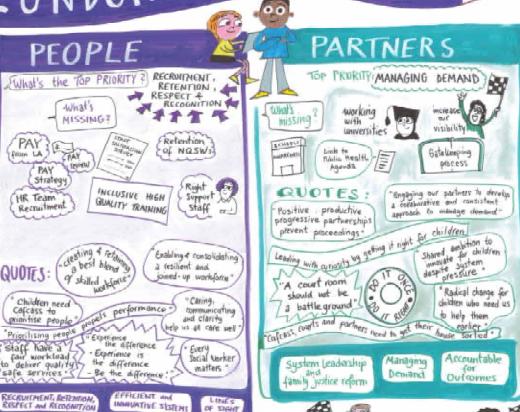
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