

Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	18 February 2026
Title of Report:	Children's Services use of AI
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture and Communications) Councillor Kate Taylor (Cabinet Member for Customer Experience, Sport, Leisure and HR and OD)
Lead Strategic Director:	Si Bellamy (Chief Operating Officer) David Haley (Director of Children's Services)
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Your Reference:	N/A
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The report aims to assess how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used within Children's Services, particularly across Business Support's Children's Spoke and Hub teams. Its primary purpose is to help the CYPF Scrutiny Panel understand how AI could improve service delivery, create workforce capacity, and enhance safeguarding practice.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. For the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel to note this report and endorse an approach to explore and use AI to aid the service in delivering good quality interventions for families in Plymouth.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Not to explore the use of AI – This has been rejected as there is a need for frontline practitioners to spend as much time as possible with families in the delivery of excellent interventions. By exploring AI it was envisioned that it would create workforce capacity and improve service delivery and aid the service in achieving excellence.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

- Keeping children, adults and communities safe.
- Providing quality public services.
- Focusing on prevention and early intervention.
- Spending money wisely.
- Empowering and engaging our staff.

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Lisa Davies, Service Director for Children, Young People and Families.											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 16/02/2026											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillors Laing and Taylor approved via email. Date approved: 16/02/2026											