



Family Action Chief Executive, David Holmes CBE, Knighted in The New Year's Honours List 2024

Today's New Year's Honours List announces that Family Action Chief Executive, David Holmes CBE will receive a knighthood in recognition of his services to children and families.

David Holmes joined Family Action as Chief Executive in 2013 and since then has transformed Family Action to become a leading national charity supporting tens of thousands of families every year.

Sir David Holmes CBE said, *"It is such a great privilege to lead Family Action and our tremendous team of staff and volunteers. I am reminded every day when I see the impact of our work just how lucky I am to be Family Action's Chief Executive. I am proud of the recognition this award gives to Family Action's tireless support of families across the country and on a personal level I feel very honoured."*

Ian Hargrave, Chair of the Family Action Board of Trustees said, *"On behalf of the Board of Trustees and of all Family Action staff and volunteers, I would like to congratulate David on this well-deserved honour. His relentless drive and commitment have seen Family Action go from strength to strength, allowing us to support more and more families in need every year."*

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About Sir David Holmes CBE

Sir David Holmes CBE is an award-winning Chief Executive with over 30 years of experience spanning the private, public and voluntary sectors.

A former Senior Civil Servant in the Departments of Health and Education, David has a wealth of expertise in the provision of services for disadvantaged children and families, promoting opportunity in areas of deprivation.

In his role as CEO of Family Action, he works with families impacted by poverty, addiction, food insecurity, mental and physical ill health, poor housing and domestic violence. His experience covers youth employability, youth mentoring and working with children and young people in care and who have been adopted. David was the Chair of Children England and is a Trustee at the Westminster Foundation.

David was awarded a CBE for Services to Children and Families in the New Year Honours 2014.

About Family Action

Family Action is a national charity committed to building stronger families and brighter lives. Since the charity was founded in 1869, we have continued to help children and families overcome the challenges they face through a wide range of practical, emotional and financial support. Today we work with more than 60,000 families in some 200 community-based services, as well as supporting thousands more through our national helpline, FamilyLine, which offers free and immediate support to adult family members, and national schemes like the National School Breakfast Programme.

We help families and individuals to manage their mental health and wellbeing, working with families to reduce the impact of social isolation, poverty, addiction and other significant sources of stress and pressure. We also support families affected by adoption, special guardianship, separation, special educational needs, disability, domestic violence and sexual abuse. In addition, we provide thousands of welfare and educational grants every year to people in financial crisis.

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