





# Presentation to School's Forum

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# Children's Trusts

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- Established in Children Act 2004
- Three roles: Commissioning, Delivery & Joint Accountabilities plus statutory responsibility to develop Children's Plan
- Statutory Body with statutory partners and often used as themed group for LSP
- Feature in Laming recommendations as accountable body for Local Safeguarding Board's Annual Plan



# Immediate Questions:

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- Changes to NHS Bedfordshire
- Voluntary Sector organised and able to move fast quickly
- Head Teachers & Governors keen to take a lead on reforms
- Some resistance to change – how do we change manage?
- We need to embed Laming proposals without causing anxiety
- Are we putting sufficient focus on economic wellbeing?
- Do we understand the full implications of the Commissioning Agenda?
- How does the School Forum feed into the budget discussions of the Children's Trust



## Developing 16 – 19 Commissioning across the 14-19 agenda

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- Statutory 14 – 19 partnership reporting to the Children's Trust but money comes into the Council
- Local authorities to provide strategic leadership but appeals to Sub-Regional Commissioning Board in the case of dispute
- Focus on priority employment sectors and links to economic and skills agendas



# Process

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- Joint Commissioning Team – negotiations, cross border discussions, contract management, developing common practice (Central Bedfordshire)
- Strategic Regional Group – Luton, Herts, Central Bedfordshire, Bedford – strategic decision making, joint commissioning decisions, moderation of consistency of 14-19 and 16-19 plans (aggregated)
- Regional Planning Group – membership Directors of Children’s Services, Government Office staff, young people’s learning agency staff, etc. Strategic Policy Forum (role of Members on regional groups still subject to discussion between Government and the Local Government Association)
- Final sign off by individual Councils to validate the process

**N.B. Councils have a statutory duty to participate in shadowing this activity so that they can go live April 2010**