

# Use of resources

The Children's Trust Board allocates resources based on the key priorities for Devon children and young people.

The Board will look for opportunities to further develop the alignment and pooling of resources across the partners to achieve more integrated services.

The resources invested by the members of the Children's Trust Board total £907.7m. This is made up of £831.3m of revenue and £76.4m of capital funding.

The three largest investors are Devon County Council, NHS Devon and the Learning and Skills Council. The combined investment of these three organisations represents 96% of the total.

The financial climate means that there has to be an emphasis on creating different ways of delivering services. This can be achieved by increasing the use of pooled or aligned budgets and by jointly commissioning services across the partners.



The majority of services are commissioned by individual organisations. However, some joint commissioning arrangements are in place between Devon County Council, NHS Devon and the housing authorities: examples are services for children and young people with additional needs, substance misuse services for young people, homelessness prevention and placements for children in care.

Joint working will be developed further over the next year through the agreed priorities of the commissioning boards; the joint commissioning priorities are:

- keeping children safe
- strengthening families
- supporting vulnerable adolescents.

# Local Children's Trusts

**These are based on district council areas and include the full partnership of the Devon Children's Trust. They work to interpret the Devon strategy for their local circumstances.**

The first step has been using the Children's Fund to meet local priorities (See pages 12 and 13). Next steps are looking at joint commissioning for the whole resource for an area.

