



# Commissioning Skills Training

Introduction to the  
Commissioning Skills Training  
Programme

# Commissioning Support Programme

- Programme for all Children's Trusts in England - to support a sustainable improvement in strategic commissioning as well as building capacity within the system in order to improve outcomes for children locally.
- To work in partnership with the sector to bring about organisational change to improve effectiveness of commissioning.
- To provide a vehicle to share good practice across Children's Trusts



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# Institute of Public Care

- Research centre of Oxford Brookes University.
- Health and wellbeing: social care, primary and community health care, specialist education and housing. Children's and adults' services.
- Applied research and consultancy, software design, and skills development:
  - Postgraduate certificate of credit in commissioning and purchasing for public care.



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# Aims of the programme

- To explore the emerging health, education and social care commissioning agenda for children and young people.
- To understand the essential elements of commissioning and purchasing good practice.
- To share knowledge and compare practice.



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# Learning climate

- Comfortable, relaxed, open, friendly
- Spirit of inquiry
- Ground rules
- Sharing information and experience: what's working well and what's not!
- Confidentiality within the room



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# Practicalities and logistics

- Pre-programme reading and your file contents
- Housekeeping
- Attendance requirements
- Timetable, breaks



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# Timetable

Day 1:

The national agenda

What is commissioning?

Self analysis and planning

Introduction to outcomes

Day 2:

Needs analysis and systems mapping

Market mechanisms



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# Timetable

Day 3:

Procurement and purchasing

Outcome-based commissioning

Day 4:

Decommissioning

Service user engagement

Supporting commissioning



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