

These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE

Part 9: Children's Services

23. This Part adds to the list of persons and bodies who are to be party to arrangements made by a children's services authority under section 10 of the Children Act 2004 (a "children's trust"). It provides for the establishment of Children's Trust Boards and provides for them to take over from children's services authorities responsibility for preparing a Children and Young People's Plan.
24. This Part also makes provision for the Secretary of State to set statutory targets for children's services authorities in England for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; for a new requirement that there be two representatives of the local community on each Local Safeguarding Children Board in England; and for a new duty for each Local Safeguarding Children Board to produce and publish an annual report on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in its area.
25. This Part also makes provision about children's centres: in particular, defining the meaning of "children's centre", requiring children's services authorities to arrange for sufficient numbers of children's centres in their area to meet local need, and making provision for the inspection of children's centres.