



Every Child Matters Statement

Bedfordshire Police Authority is committed to the objectives within *Every Child Matters* and through the Youth Issues Panel and its other committees, panels and working groups will work to meet its statutory responsibilities under the Act:

- To seek the views of children and young people, and take these views into account when determining priorities.
- To work together with partners to ensure everything possible is done to safeguard and protect the future of Bedfordshire and Luton's young population.
- To be knowledgeable about the demographics and environmental factors relating to children and young people in the force area in order to improve strategic planning and service delivery.
- To oversee and scrutinise the Force, and ensure it has robust policies and procedures in place to meet its statutory obligations with regard to children and young people.