

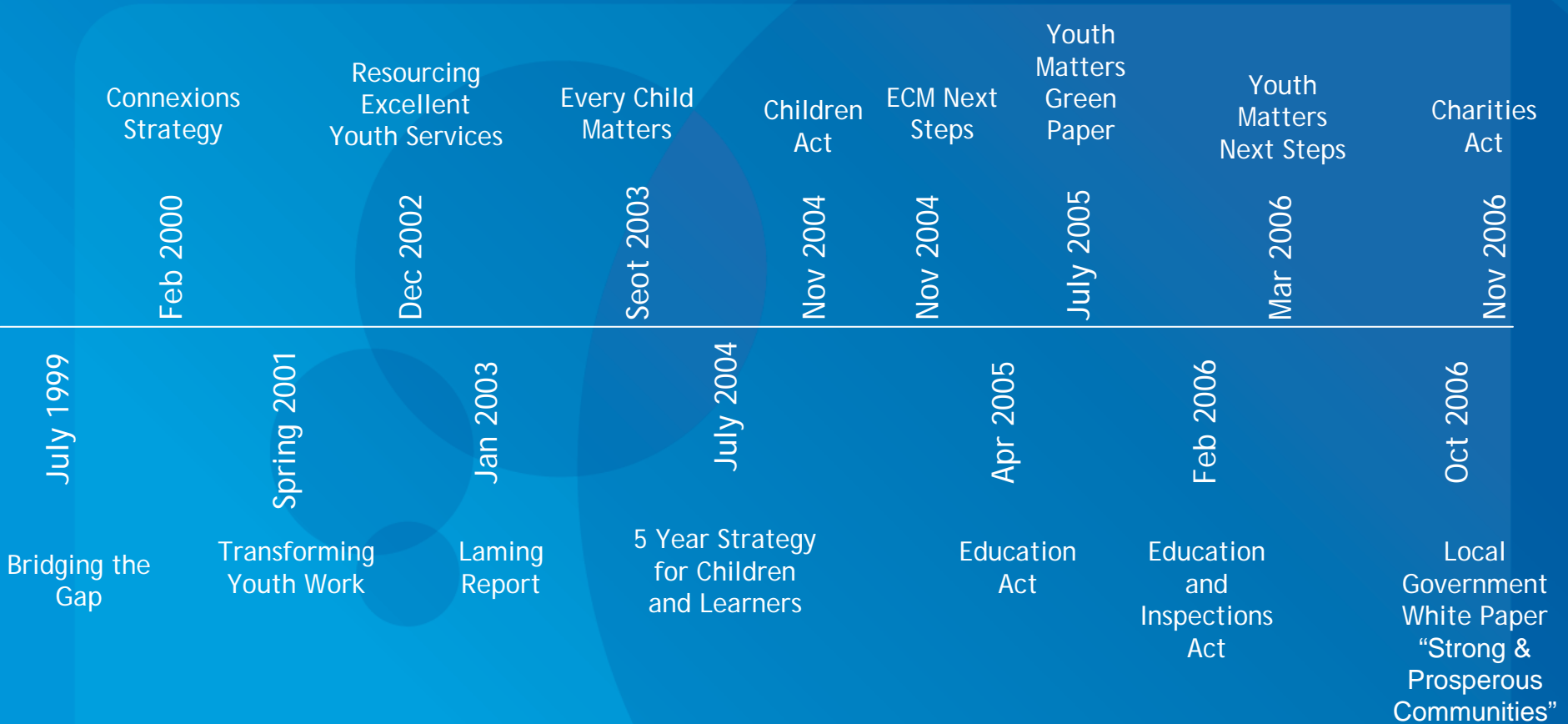
# Integrated youth support

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● IT'S BIG!!!!!!

# Youth Policy Timeline 1999- Present



# Integrated Youth Support- Elements

- Integrated working, more than multi-agency initiatives – “ a salad not a soup?”
- Targeted Youth Support as outlined in Youth Matters
- Common Assessment Framework
- Lead Professional
- Workforce development
- Commissioning
- Involvement of young people

## Where are we now?

- **YOF/Capital Fund seen as a successful experiment in engaging young people in deciding what services should look like: but early evaluation suggests not yet reaching all disadvantaged groups**
- **February 2007, Integrated working roadmap released: LAs expected to have frameworks in place by April 08**
- **NYA release joint statement on creating integrated youth support and development**
- **Statutory Guidance on Positive Activities currently being revised: expected to be implemented by April 08, with promotional tools in place by from April 07**
- **Comprehensive Spending review likely to include capital programme for youth facilities**
- **Increasing drive to develop a market of providers**

**So what are local authorities doing in the region and beyond?**

## 1. All Age Multi-disciplinary Locality Teams

- Based on identified neighbourhoods/school clusters/ districts
- A Locality Manager has overall responsibility for the whole team
- All Council services working with children and young people, plus partnership agreements with non-Council services (VCS, Connexions etc) active in the area are involved
- *May include all services, or may be only general/universal services, with specialist services retained centrally because of economies of scale*
- Co-location of staff in neighbourhood hubs/offices
- Youth Service staff and managers merge into locality teams. A small team for commissioning, quality assurance and curriculum development retained centrally

## 2. Centrally Managed Integrated Youth Support Service

- **Youth Service, Connexions, DAT, Teenage pregnancy, YOT, Leaving Care Teams etc brought under single management structure**
- **Systems for MIS, operational management, workforce development etc are merged**
- **Unified planning at central and local levels**
- **Potential for co-location in neighbourhood hubs**
- **Potential for closer planning and working between disciplines**
- **Budgets and resources can be shared across the wider team**

### 3. Commissioned Services in a IYS Framework

- LA works with strategic partners to identify what services are required, and commissions these from private, VCS and LA providers
- LA retains overall planning/co-ordination role (but could contract out aspects of this)
- Assumes that potential providers are ready to tender
- Youth Service delivery would need to be commissioned, based on specifications and contracts
- Youth service infrastructure likely to be fragmented, if not identified as a commissionable service
- Capacity for organic development of neighbourhood work could be weakened

## 4. Co-ordinated Planning: Partnership Delivery

- **Service providers remain in current form**
- **Integrated Youth Support Plan with key objectives and PIs is agreed by C&YP Strategic Partnership**
- **Locality patterns of delivery determined through local partnership planning linked to central key priorities**
- **VCS and others contracted to deliver identified aspects of services as part of local partnerships**
- **No structural change for Youth Service, but increasing focus on outcomes and PIs**

# Integrated Youth Support- Challenges

- ◉ Whole system cultural change
- ◉ Professional rather than service contribution
- ◉ What is the dominant agenda? Protection versus prevention or both?
- ◉ Information sharing
- ◉ Resources
- ◉ Engagement of schools
- ◉ Involvement of voluntary sector
- ◉ Involvement of young people
- ◉ Developing personalised services

# A Question

- How do we move away from pathologising young people and move towards contextualising young people and their lives?

# Integrated Youth Support-Young People's Participation

- Not simply going for the “low hanging fruit”
- Participation and not just consultation
- Using the standards e.g. Hear by Right for the new integrated services