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Department of Health capital grant

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Department of Health 2014/15 fund

- One-off grant to enable progress with the implementation of Think Autism
- Discussed as a 'hot topic' at the last partnership board
- Capital spend
- Your thoughts and ideas
- Proposals agreed
- Submission to the Department of Health.

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- Autism friendly housing register
- CB College building improvements.
- Employment/Educational support i-pads
- work closely with several local providers including:
 - Autism Bedfordshire
 - Central Bedfordshire College
 - Job Centre Plus Biggleswade
 - Job Centre Plus Leighton Buzzard
 - PoHwer
- Each proposal links directly to the Governments Think Autism update and their 15 challenges to local authorities. They also sit firmly within the local autism agenda priorities for the next 3 years.

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- In line with the transformation of day and respite services we are using the money to purchase:
 - Sensory equipment
 - Communication aids and assistive technology for both specialist autism day opportunities and respite services

Next steps

- Awaiting money from Department of Health
- Must be spent by 31.03.15
- ‘One off’ payment and the purpose of this is to enable local authorities to
- evidence how small pots of money can make a significant differences
- Self assessment
- Fits with our responsibilities within the care act, supporting people with their well-being providing the right care and support to help improve lives.