



Skills for competitiveness: Finding the right path to quality job creation

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Skills as a driver of growth

Building a pool of skilled labour

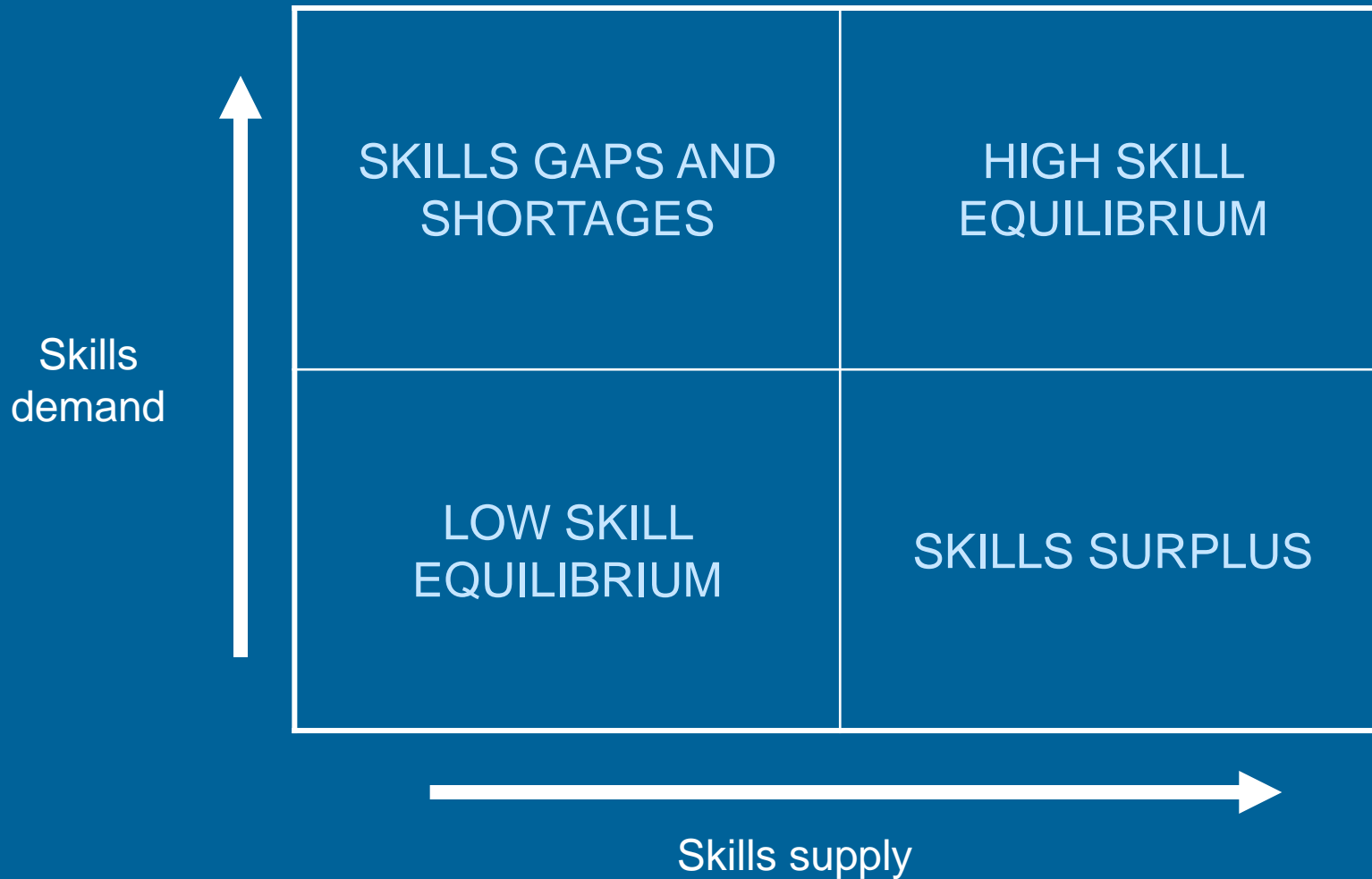
... flexibly to match emerging needs

while helping the low-skilled to access jobs
and progress

...and ensuring skills are fully utilised

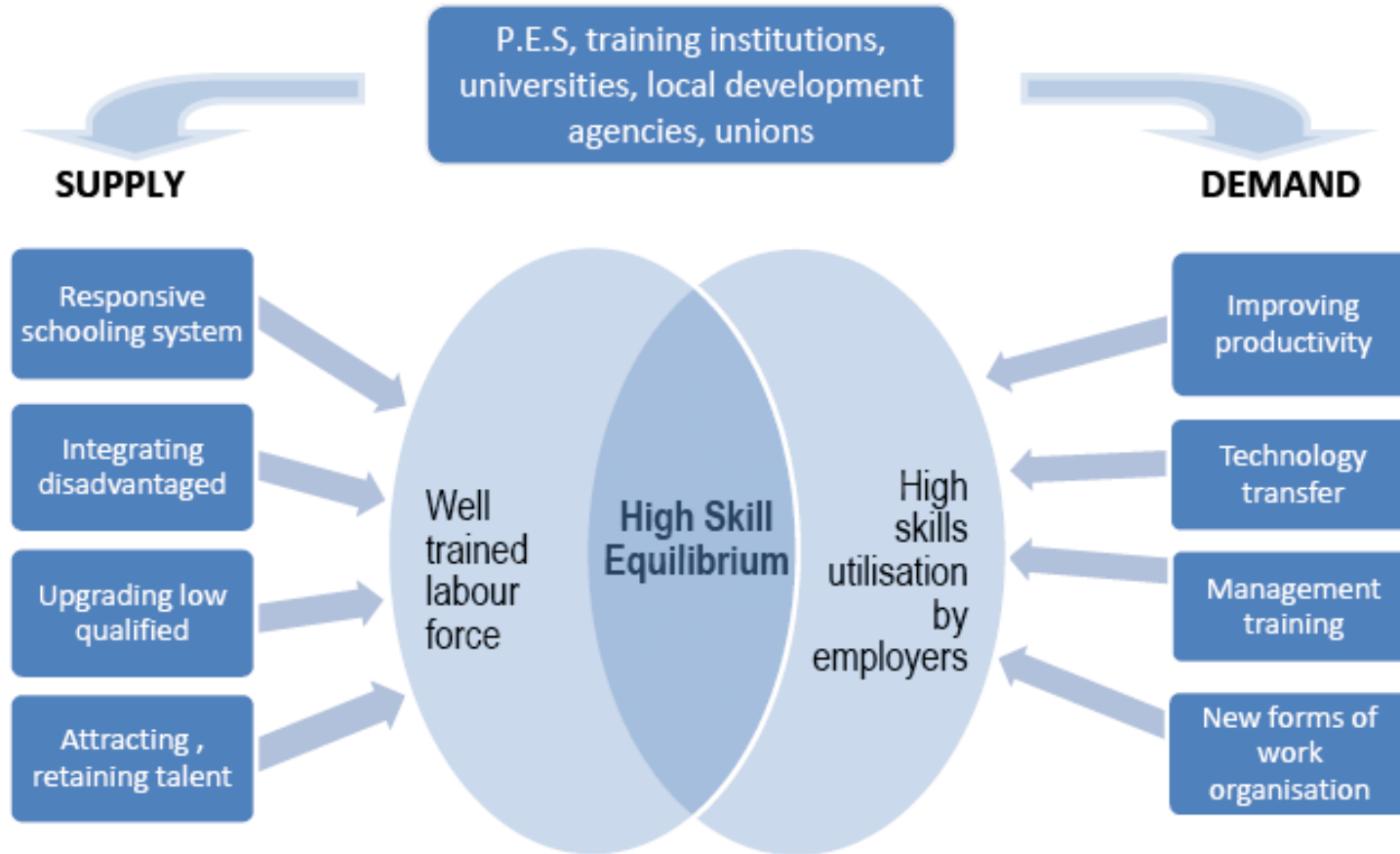


The quality job agenda



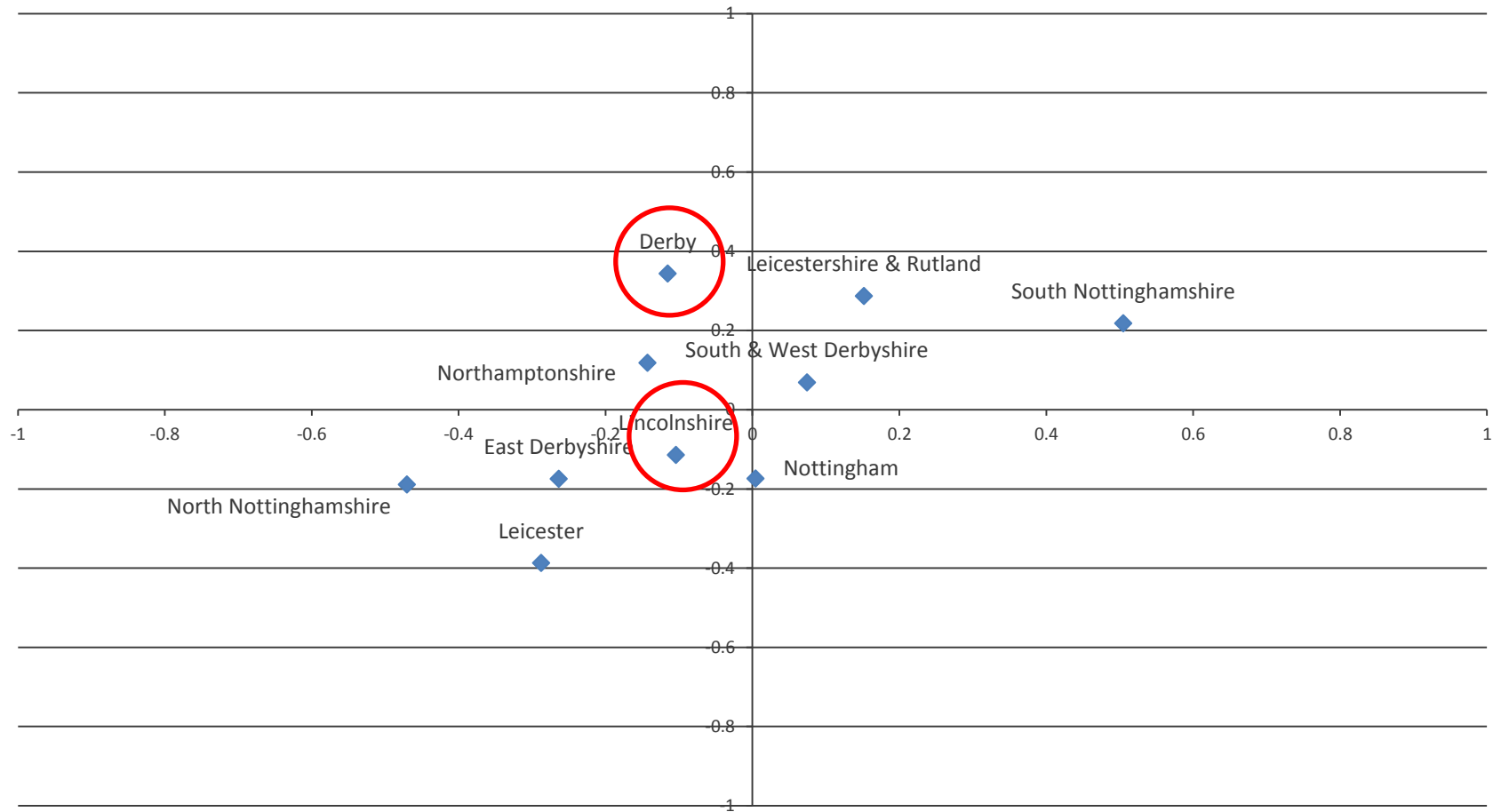


The real meaning of joining up



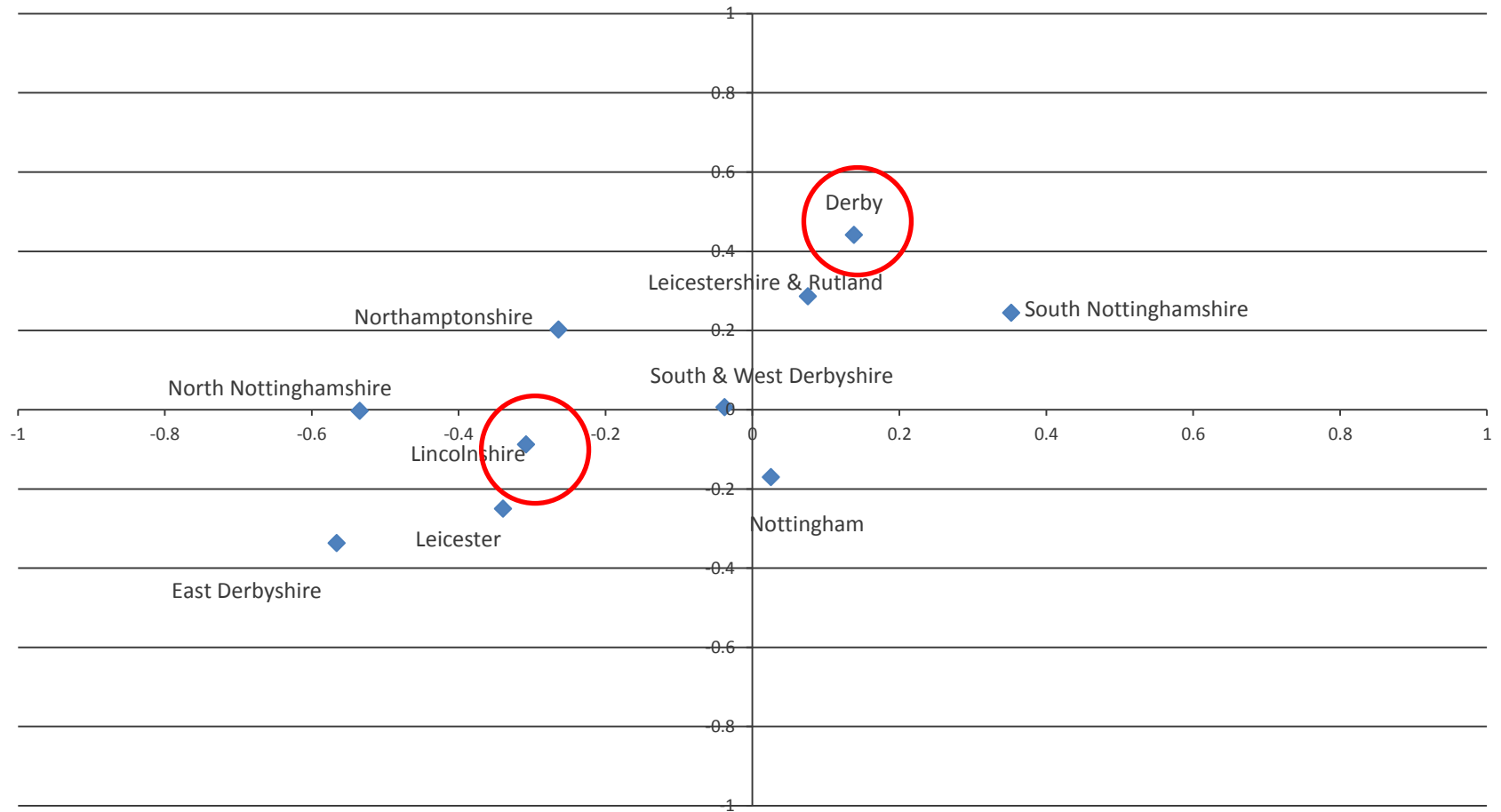


East Midlands, 2011



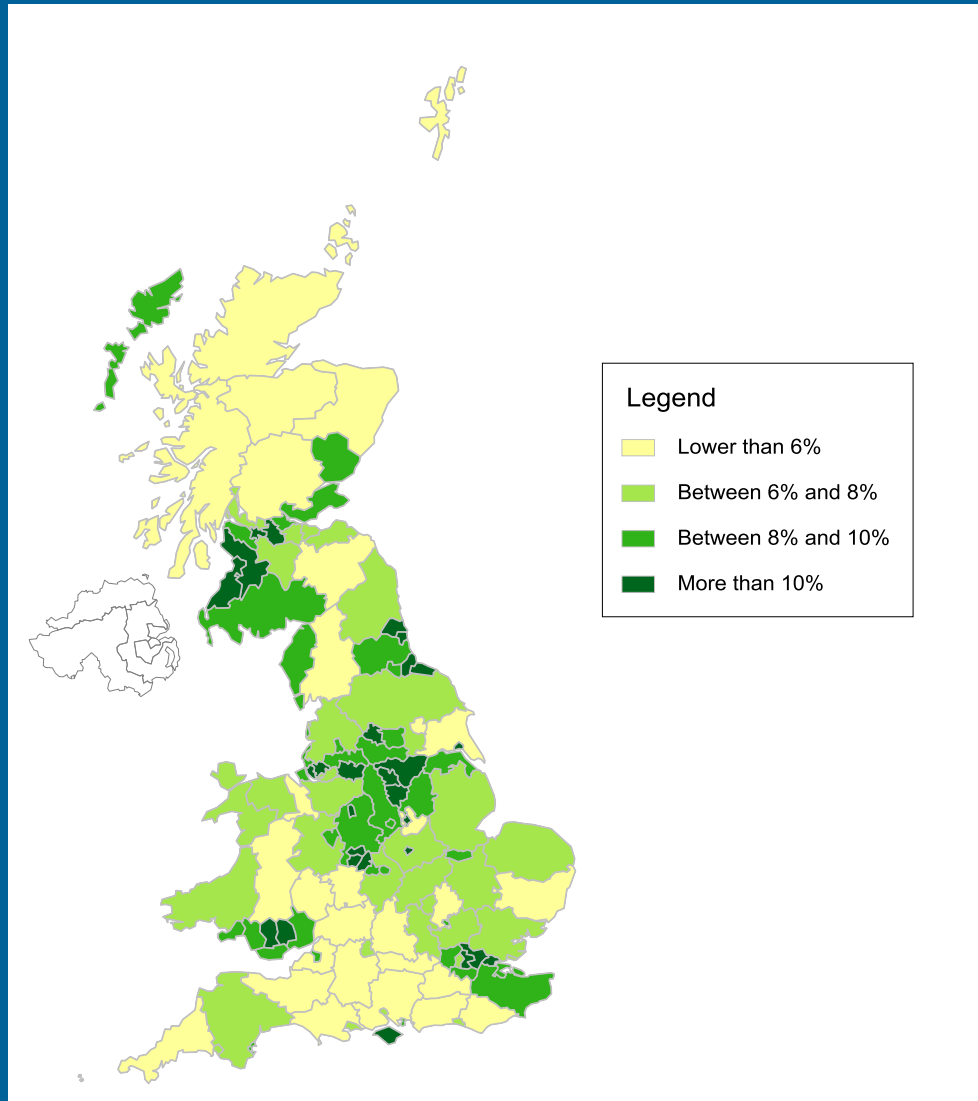


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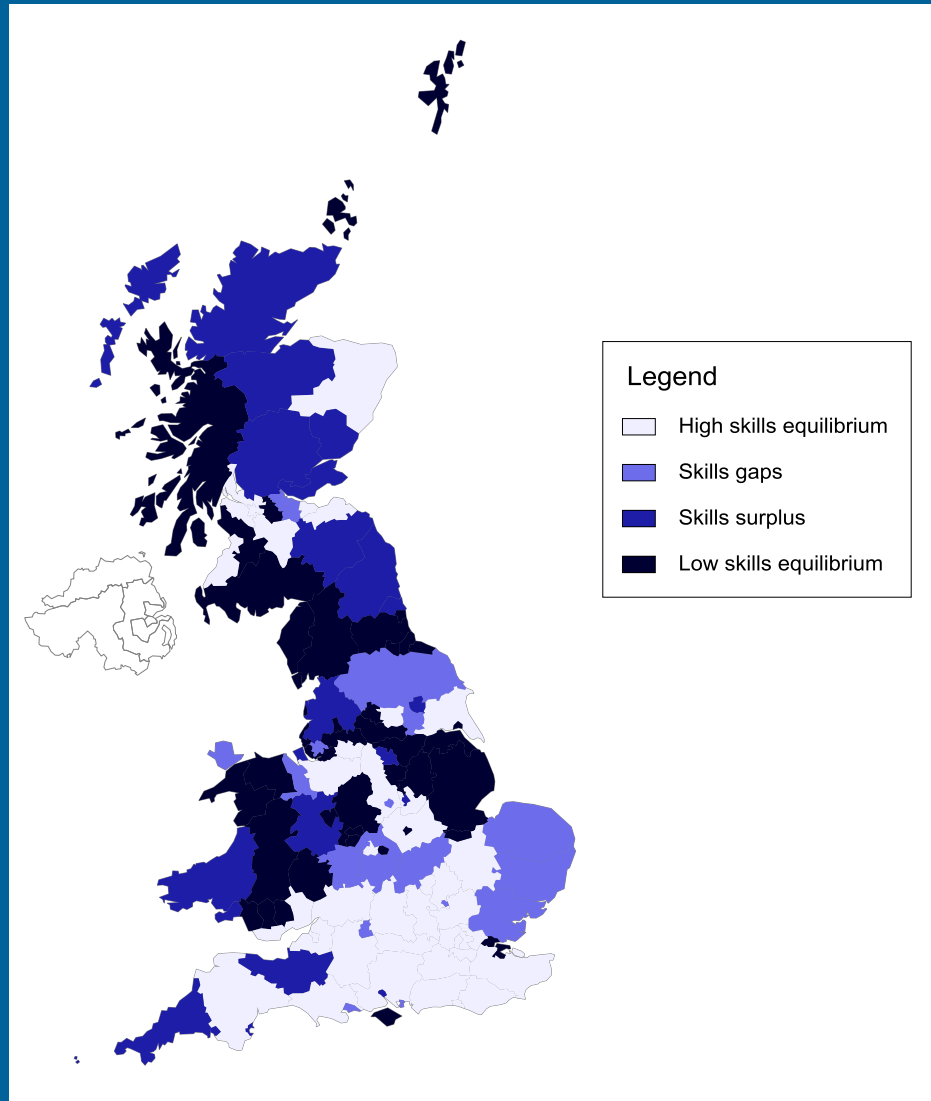


The labour market today: Unemployment rate 2011



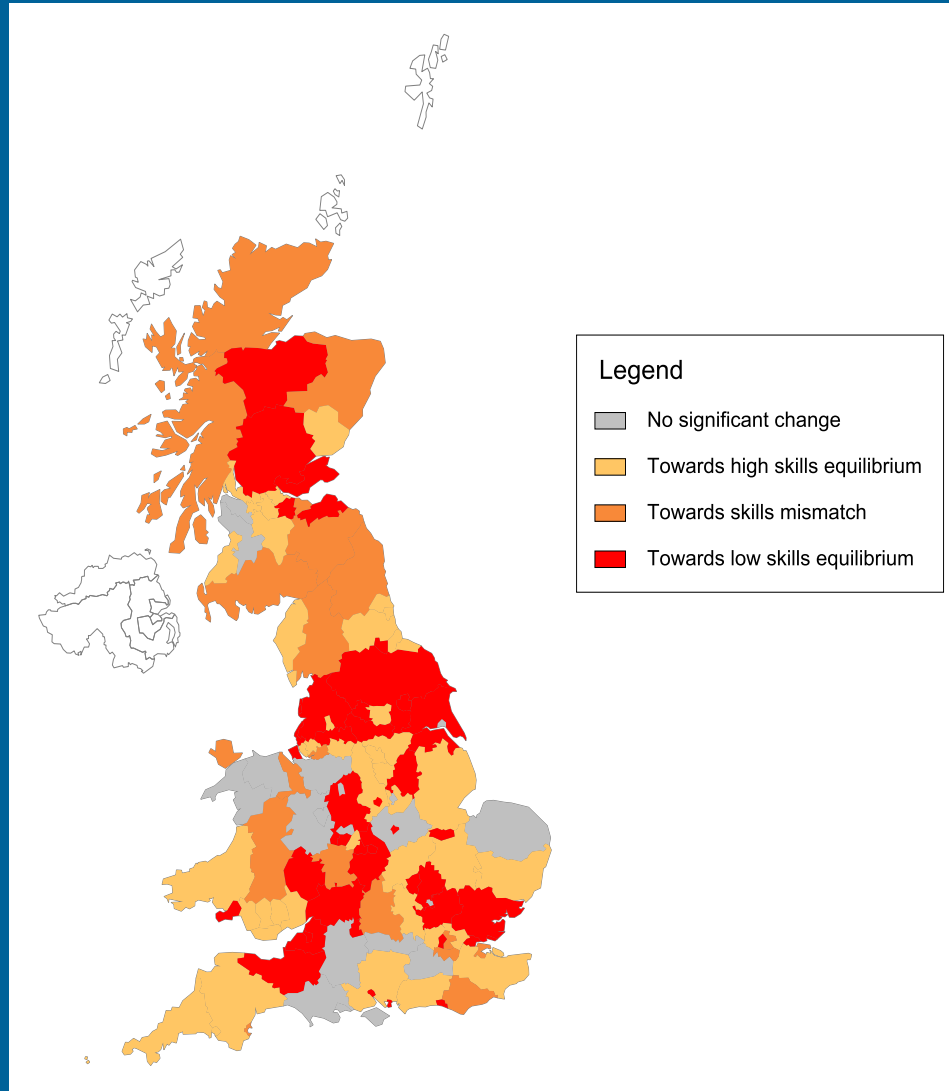


The labour market tomorrow: Skills demand and supply balance 2011





...and the effort to get there: Skills balance, variation 2001 - 2011





What needs to be done

- Break down the policy silos: Align employment and training to economic development – and vice versa
- Capacity, and willingness, to broaden the employment and training agenda: role of employment services, colleges & universities, VET
- Local flexibility in managing employment and training programmes
- Mutual horizontal accountability



Conclusions

- Skills utilisation should be a strategic priority as part of our responses to the job crisis
- Strong implications for policy and guidance to institutions
- Strong governance implications: local dimension is key, policy flexibility, capacities



Thank you

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