



Consultation summary

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014



Part 10

Advocacy



Rules and information about how to do what the Act says



Easy Read version



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014



The new Act is about social care in Wales.



The Act starts in April 2016.



As well as the Act, there are:



- rules. We call the rules **Regulations.**



- information on how to do what the law says, called **Codes of Practice** or **Statutory Guidance.**



How we did the work



We listened to experts from all over Wales.



Then we wrote our ideas.



Now we want to know what everyone thinks.



The new Act has a lot of Parts. Each Part is about something different.



Between May and July, we are asking what everyone thinks about the rules for:



Part 4

Paying towards Direct Payments and choosing a care home

and

Part 5

Paying a charge for care and support





Part 6

Children in care and care leavers



Part 9

Working Together





Part 10

Advocacy



Part 10



Part 10 is about Advocacy.



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Information about how to do what the new Act says



Part 10 says:

- When local councils must think if someone needs advocacy
- Things that mean someone may really need advocacy



Advocacy can make sure:



- services think about what is good for the person, not what is good for the service



- people can speak up and be listened to



- people have control over their lives



Advocacy can also help:



- people to have better lives



- make sure someone's care and support is working for them



- keep people safe from harm or abuse



The rules about the new Act already say:



- local councils must listen to what people want



- local councils must remember it is important to support someone to make choices about their life



- local councils must make sure people can get involved in their own care and support



The Part 10 rules add to this.



Part 10 is about advocacy for adults, children and carers.



Part 10 says how to work out when someone needs advocacy.



Part 10 says when local councils must arrange advocacy for someone.



Part 10 says:



- Advocacy is good



- There are different types of advocacy



- When to check if someone needs advocacy



- Why people may need advocacy



- When local councils must arrange independent advocacy



- When someone must **not** be an advocate



- How to tell people about advocacy services



Part 10 includes advocacy by family, friends and supporters as well as professionals.