



Consultation summary

Social Services and

Well-being (Wales) Act 2014



Part 9

Working together



Rules and information about how to do what the Act says



Easy Read version



The 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 this 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.



From May to July 2015, 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 9



Part 9 has rules about working together.



The aim is to make life better for people who need care and support.



The rules will also make sure Social Services are run better.



The Act says local councils and Local Health Boards must work together to find out about:



- local people's care and support needs



- local carers' support needs



- what services are needed locally



The Welsh Ministers can write rules about working together to provide services. The rules can be about:



- ways for organisations to work together



- sharing staff, equipment and money



Part 9 Rules



We will use the rules to:



- Say how local councils and local health boards must work together



- Set up 6 boards across Wales where local councils and local health boards will work together:

- North Wales
- Mid and West Wales
- Gwent
- Cardiff and Vale
- Cwm Taf
- Western Bay





- Say who must be on each board, and what the boards must do.



- Say that each board must write a report to Welsh Ministers. The report will say if they are doing what the rules say they must do.



- Set up a shared pot of money to provide services



- Set up family support teams with staff from different services



- Say how people get referred to the family support team.



Part 9

How to do what the law says



We have written information about how health and social services must work together. This means they must change how they provide services.



The first services they must change are:



- services for older people who need a lot of different services



- Family Support Services with staff from different services



- services for people with learning disabilities



- services for children who need a lot of different services



- services for carers



Each board must decide how to do this. They could:



- set up groups to run or manage services



- set up teams with staff from different services