

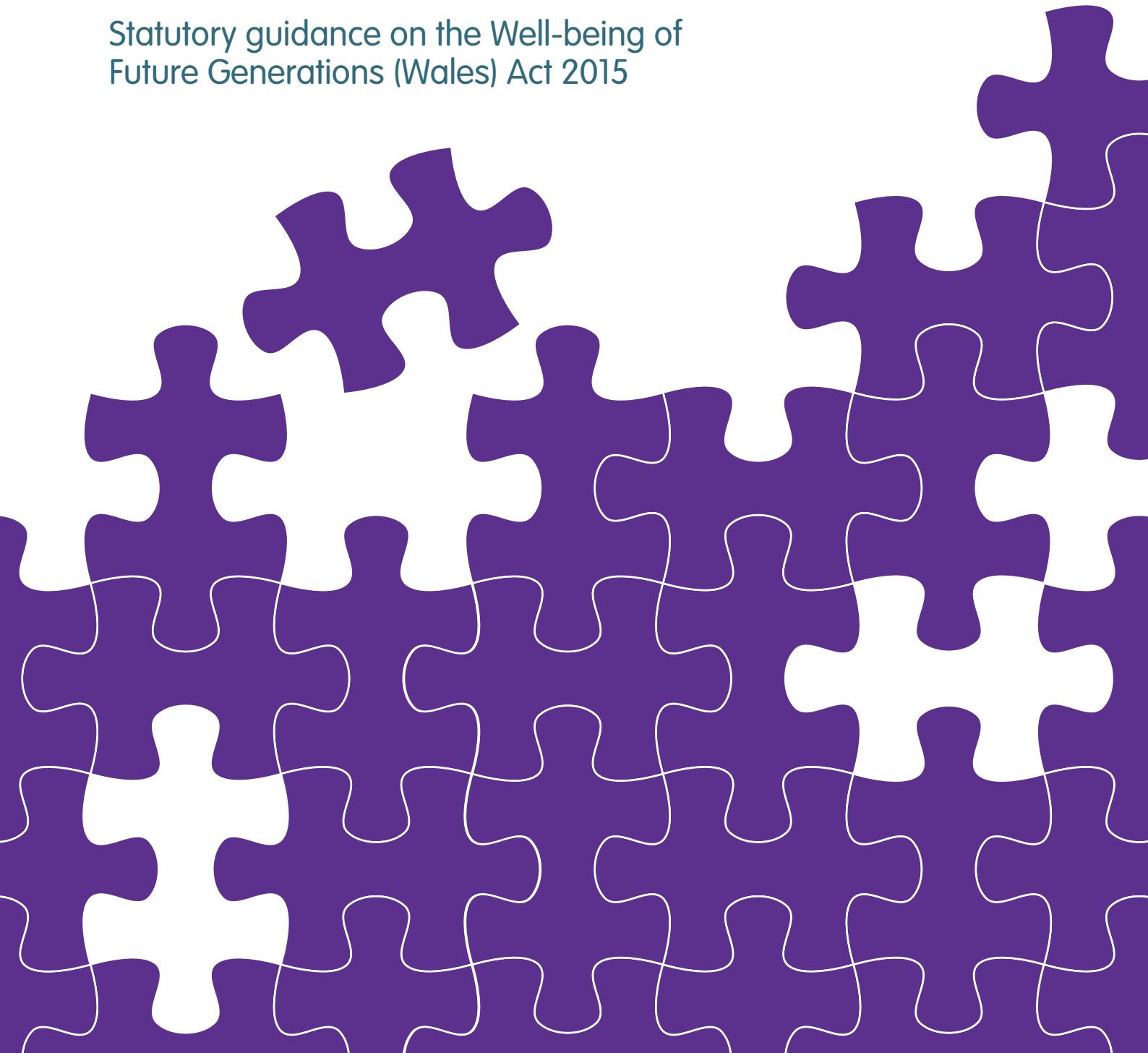
# SPSF 5: Key Dates



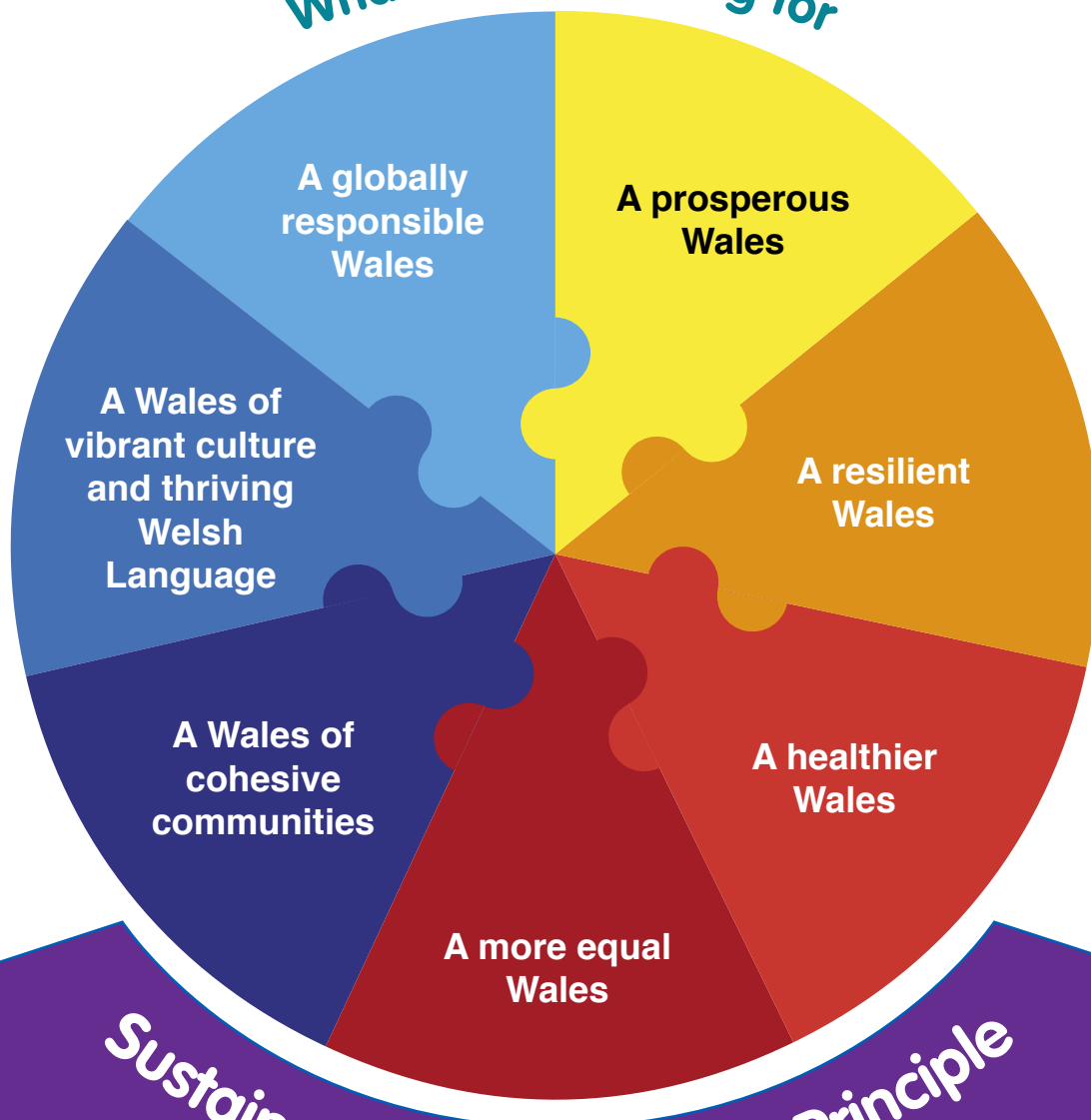
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## Shared Purpose: Shared Future

Statutory guidance on the Well-being of  
Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015



# Well-being Goals What we are aiming for



# Sustainable Development Principle How we will deliver



**Long Term**



**Prevention**



**Integration**



**Collaboration**



**Involvement**

This guidance is issued under sections 14, 22 (2) and 51(1) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.  
This document is also available in Welsh.

## Key Dates

### Introduction

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ("the Act") is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It gives a legally-binding common purpose – the seven well-being goals – for national government, county and county borough councils, local health boards and other specified public bodies. It details the ways in which specified public bodies must work, and work together, to improve the well-being of Wales.

The Act provides for better decision-making by ensuring that those public bodies take account of the long-term, help to prevent problems occurring or getting worse, take an integrated and collaborative approach, and consider and involve people of all ages. Together, the seven well-being goals and five ways of working provided by the Act are designed to support and deliver a public service that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In February 2016 the Welsh Government published statutory guidance for public bodies, public services boards and relevant community councils called "Shared Purpose: Shared Future". The guidance can be found here <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance>

### Purpose

The purpose of this note is to outline the key dates for the implementation of the Act for public bodies, public services boards, relevant community councils and others.

*Please note – this is not statutory guidance and the dates below in relation to future actions are indicative.*

## 2015

<b>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill</b> National Assembly for Wales agreed the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill.	17 March 2015
<b>Royal Assent</b>	29 April 2015
<b>United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</b> The 17 SDGs were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. Weblink: <a href="https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/">https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/</a>	25 September 2015

## 2016

<b>Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</b> Future Generations Commissioner duties and functions commenced. Weblink: <a href="http://www.futuregenerations.wales">www.futuregenerations.wales</a>	1 February 2016
<b>Statutory guidance</b> Publication of statutory guidance <i>Shared Purpose: Shared Future</i> . Weblink: <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en</a>	24 February 2016

<p><b>National Indicators</b></p> <p>Publication of first National Indicators to measure progress against the seven well-being goals.</p> <p>Weblink: <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/national-indicators/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/national-indicators/?lang=en</a></p>	16 March 2016
<p><b>Well-being duties</b></p> <p>Well-being duties on public bodies and public services boards commenced.</p>	1 April 2016
<p><b>Public services boards established</b></p>	1 April 2016
<p><b>Role of Auditor General for Wales</b></p> <p>Auditor General's examination power and duty commenced.</p> <p>Weblink: <a href="http://audit.wales/">http://audit.wales/</a></p>	1 April 2016
<p><b>Public Services Boards</b></p> <p>First meeting of each public services board to occur no later than 60 days after the date on which the board is established.</p>	By 31 May 2016
<p><b>Well-being objectives (Welsh Ministers)</b></p> <p>Welsh Ministers' first well-being objectives must be set and published no later than 6 months after the National Assembly for Wales election.</p> <p>Weblink: <a href="http://www.gov.wales">www.gov.wales</a></p>	By 5 November 2016

## 2017

<p><b>Well-being objectives (other public bodies)</b></p> <p>Public bodies' (other than the Welsh Ministers) first well-being objectives must be set and published no later than the beginning of the financial year following the commencement of section 9 of the Act, which was on 1 April 2016.</p> <p>Each public body is required to report on progress it has made in meeting its well-being objectives for the preceding financial year. Further detail on this can be found in the section on 'Annual Reporting' below.</p>	By 1 April 2017
<p><b>Future Trends Report</b></p> <p>The Welsh Ministers must publish the first report containing predictions of likely future trends on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, and any related analytical data and information the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.</p>	By 5 May 2017
<p><b>Public services boards – Assessment of local well-being</b></p> <p>Each public services board must prepare and publish their first assessment of local well-being.</p> <p>An assessment of local well-being must be published no later than a year before the publication of the local well-being plan.</p>	By May 2017*

## 2018

<p><b>Local well-being plans</b></p> <p>Each public services board must prepare and publish their first local well-being plan.</p> <p>A local well-being plan must be published no later than one year after the date of each ordinary election to the local authority.</p>	<p>By May 2018*</p>
<p><b>Local well-being plans: role of community councils</b></p> <p>Those community and town councils to which section 40 of the Act applies must take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has effect in their area.</p>	<p>From the date the first local well-being plan that has effect in their area is published</p>

## 2020

<p><b>Future Generations Report</b></p> <p>First Future Generations Report must be prepared and published by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales.</p>	<p>By May 2020</p>
<p><b>Auditor General for Wales Report</b></p> <p>First Auditor General's report to the National Assembly on examinations.</p>	<p>By May 2020</p>

## Annual Reporting

### The Welsh Ministers

The Welsh Ministers must prepare an annual report on the progress they have made towards meeting their well-being objectives. This annual report must be published and laid before the National Assembly for Wales as soon as reasonably practicable following the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

### Other Public bodies (not the Welsh Ministers)

Public bodies are required to report annually on their progress towards meeting their well-being objectives. They must report in respect of each financial year. Financial year is defined as the period of 12 months ending with 31 March. The report must be published as soon as reasonably practicable following the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

For Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts they must report in respect of each accounting year. *The term accounting year is used in line with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.*

For Natural Resources Wales the annual report, which they are required to prepare by the Natural Resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012, must also detail the progress made by the body in meeting its well-being objectives.

### Public services boards (annual progress report)

Each public services board must prepare an annual progress report specifying the steps it has taken, since publishing its most recent local well-being plan, to meet the objectives set out in that plan.

Each board must publish its first annual progress report no later than 14 months after the publication of its local well-being plan, and then no later than one year after each subsequent progress report. However, a board does not need to prepare a progress report if a local well-being plan is to be published no later than one year after the publication of the board's previous report.

**More information:**

You can find out more about the Act on our website, which includes our 'Essentials Guide' and a short animation:

<http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act>

If you have any queries on the Act, please email:

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