



Adults receiving care and support census 2025-26 Background

The Adults receiving care and support census is based on the definition of eligible adults who have care and support, i.e. adults (aged 18 or over) who have a care and support plan. This is set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Some adults may have a Care and Treatment plan (as set out in The Mental Health (Care Coordination and Care and Treatment Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2011) but are receiving social services care and support. This would mean if the adult had an allocated social worker, or their care coordinator is from social services department. Alternatively, this may apply if social services are paying, or has paid, for their care and support, which may be through commissioning a service. If this is the case, then include them in this census. However, only do so if the local authority social services department has access to the data necessary for completion, i.e. if the data is already held by the local authority, rather than with the health board.

Data should be submitted to the Welsh Government annually and reflect a financial years' worth of data for adults receiving care and support in the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Adults receiving care and support census was developed with local authorities and other key stakeholders in 2022.

Guidance Notes for completion and submission

The Adults receiving care and support census 2025-26 form should be used to record individual data for all adults who have received care and support in the year 2025-26.

The collection is split into two sections. Section 1, Core Details, is to be completed for all adults who have had a care and support plan at any point in the financial year. Section 2, Care and Support Details is to only be completed for those with an active care and support plan on 31 March 2026.

For those adults whose care and support plans ended mid-year, please provide details as they were at the point the care and support plan ended.

Data requirements

For Section 1, local authorities are required to submit data for adults who had a care and support plan at any point during the collection year (2025-26). Therefore, the return should include any **adult who had a care and support plan (Part 4)** during the collection period, regardless of the time the adult had a plan.

An individual return is required for each adult receiving care and support in the collection year, regardless as to whether that individual has an active care and support plan on 31 March.

For Section 2, local authorities are required to only submit data for adults who had an active care and support plan at the end of the collection year (i.e. 31 March 2026).

True or False fields: There are a number of items within the Adults receiving care and support census that can be either true or false. The format for the Adults receiving care and support census is 1 for the true state, and 0 for the false state. However, users of management information systems may be presented with a number of ways of recording this such as with check boxes or a suitable drop-down list. The export functionality for any system will therefore have to convert these fields accordingly. Blank items will be assumed to indicate that data is not available.

Questions about whether the adult "has" or "had" specified attributes, e.g. health problems or impairment, should be answered with reference to the census date of 31 March 2026 or at the point when the adult's care and support plan closed. This means that the attribute is current according to the information available or on 31 March 2026 or at the point when the adult's care and support plan closed.

A full list of data items is in Annex A. The following notes give further detailed guidance for specific sections.

This return should be uploaded, validated, or submitted on Objective Connect by 24 October 2025.

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Core Details

The questions are to be completed for all adults who have had a care and support plan at any point in the financial year 2025-26.

Local authority code

- 512 Isle of Anglesey
- 514 Gwynedd
- 516 Conwy
- 518 Denbighshire
- 520 Flintshire
- 522 Wrexham
- 524 Powys
- 526 Ceredigion
- 528 Pembrokeshire
- 530 Carmarthenshire
- 532 Swansea
- 534 Neath Port Talbot
- 536 Bridgend
- 538 Vale of Glamorgan
- 540 Rhondda Cynon Taf
- 542 Merthyr Tydfil
- 544 Caerphilly
- 545 Blaenau Gwent
- 546 Torfaen
- 548 Monmouthshire
- 550 Newport
- 552 Cardiff

Local authority adult identifier

This must be a unique ID for each adult, and it should be retained from year to year. The local authority adult ID can only contain alphabetic or numeric characters. It must be the same ID that is used for other purposes.

If you are planning to change the local authority adult ID, either for a single adult or for a whole group of adults, it will prevent the Welsh Government from analysing across different census years. For this reason, any proposal to change IDs should be discussed with Welsh Government at an early stage and in advance of any changes.

Surname

The adult's latest known surname should be provided, as currently recorded.

First name(s)

The adult's latest known first name should be provided, as currently recorded. If the individual has multiple first name, please provide all names with a space between the names.

Adult's home postcode

The latest known postcode of the address where the adult was living. Enter the home postcode of the adult in the following format e.g. CF10 4SD.

If the adult is living in a residential care home, and this is their main residence, please provide the postcode of the care home.

Date of birth

The date of birth should be provided in the format DD MM YYYY.

If the exact date of birth is not known, record an approximate date of birth based on the adult's estimated age at date of referral.

Gender

Gender is how the individual identifies themselves, not sex at birth. This is the last known gender as of 31 March, or when the case was closed.

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Other
- 4 Not disclosed or unknown

Ethnicity

Ethnicity should be determined by first asking the adult about their ethnic identity. If they are unable, ask their primary carer.

WHTE1 - Gypsy or Irish Traveller

WHTE2 - Roma

WHTE3 - Any other White background (including English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British)

MIXD1 - White and Black Caribbean

MIXD2 - White and Black African

MIXD3 - White and Asian

MIXD4 - Any other mixed background or multiple ethnic background

ASAB1 - Indian

ASAB2 - Pakistani

ASAB3 - Bangladeshi

ASAB4 - Chinese

ASAB5 - Any other Asian background

BBAC1 - Caribbean

BBAC2 - African

BBAC3 - Any other Black background

OOTH1 - Arab

OOTH2 - Any other ethnic group

UNKN1 - Unknown

Disability

For the purposes of this data item, the definition of impairment follows Section 6(1) of the Equality Act 2010, which states that:

"A person (P) has a disability if -

- (a) P has a physical or mental impairment, and
- (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on P's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities."

Welsh Government adopts the Social Model of Disability. According to the social model of disability, impairment is what has historically been referred to as a "disability" or a health condition.

During a social care assessment, the adult's impairments will be considered to determine if that adult considers themselves to be disabled. Record whether an adult has a disability on 31 March 2026 (or for closed cases, at the time the adult's care and support plan was closed).

Does the adult have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If No or Unknown is selected, no other entries should be made in this section.

If Yes is selected, then for each of the specified impairment types that apply, enter 1 if the adult had an impairment of this type on 31 March 2026 (or for closed cases, at the time the adult's care and support plan was closed).

Enter 0 if the adult did not have an impairment of this type on 31 March 2026 (or for closed cases, at the time the adult's care and support plan was closed).

Categories of impairment:

- Sight
- Hearing
- Physical (e.g. gross motor, manual dexterity or mobility)
- Mental illness (not dementia or neurodevelopmental condition)
- Dementia
- Neurodevelopmental condition (e.g. Autistic Spectrum Condition, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Tourette's syndrome or learning disability)
- Other (not listed)
- Unknown

Adults may have multiple impairments, in which case more than one category can be entered as true. There may be a small number of adults who are disabled, but do not have any of the specified impairments. For these adults, please enter 1 for Other (not listed) and provide the impairments in the box provided. Where an adult has a disability, but the impairment is not known, please enter Unknown.

Language

Record the adult's preferred language; this is the language the adult prefers to use to communicate with others. If there are differences between the preferred written or spoken language, use the language in which care and support is provided. Typically, this will be the preferred spoken or face-to-face language. See Annex B – Code List Language.

Where a plan is open on 31 March, record the language preference as of 31 March; where a plan has closed, record the language preference as of the date of closure.

Date latest continuous period of care and support began

This data item seeks to capture the date that the latest continuous period of care and support began; for many adults this date may be a significant time in the past. Reviews of their care and support plan may have occurred throughout this period, and their needs may have changed.

This date should be recorded as DD MM YYYY.

For plans more than 3 years old, an estimated date will be accepted.

For cases that transfer in from another local authority, please use the date of transfer.

If there is no clear start date for the care and support plan, please use the date of the assessment being completed.

If an adult moved from children's to adults' services, please use the date the transfer was made from children's to adults' services. For some local authorities, this may be the date of the adult's 18th birthday if the care and support plan is automatically transferred between departments.

Care and support plan active on 31 March

Enter 1 if the adult had an active care and support plan on 31 March 2026 Enter 0 if the adult did not have an active care and support plan on 31 March 2026

Date care and support plan closed

For those adults who have a plan close within the financial year, please enter the date the care and support plan was closed, regardless of if they have a subsequent plan active on 31 March.

A plan closure is when the local authority is no longer providing any care and support to the adult. A local authority may close a plan, but not the case. Do not provide a date of closure if the adult receives continuous care through the collection year.

This date should be recorded as DD MM YYYY

Use the date of the latest plan closure if there is more than one period of care and support during the year. For cases that transfer out to another local authority, please use the date of transfer.

Reason for care and support plan closure

For those adults whose care and support plans closed during the year and have been recorded above, please enter the most appropriate reason the care and support plan was closed from the list:

- 1 Service completed
- 2 Transferred or moved to another local authority

- 3 Step down to preventative services (and no longer requires ongoing care and support)
- 4 Moved to health service (e.g. Continuing Healthcare)
- 5 Refused service
- 6 Died
- 7 Other

Only one category from the above may be chosen. This cannot be left blank for those adults who do not have an active care and support plan on 31 March 2026.

Adult Safeguarding

For adults who have started formal safeguarding procedures.

Enter 1 if the adult had enquiries in the collection year where it was determined additional action was required, resulting in a care and support protection plan.

Enter 0 if the adult did not have enquiries in the collection year where it was determined additional action was required, resulting in a care and support protection plan.

Category of safeguarding

This is intended to record safeguarding categories for all adults undergoing safeguarding, **regardless of when enquiries were made**. Record the category or categories of abuse and neglect recorded on the adult's Care and Support Protection Plan (where details of abuse or neglect were included).

The category used should indicate the primary concern at the point additional action was identified. More than one category may apply.

For each of the specific categories that apply, enter 1 if the category was present at the point additional action was identified. Enter 0 if the category was not present at the point additional action was identified.

- Neglect
- Physical
- Sexual
- Financial
- Emotional/Psychological (only)

Note that emotional/psychological abuse is considered always to occur if one of the other types of abuse occurs. Therefore, it is only recorded here if it occurs in isolation without other types of abuse. If 1 is entered for "emotional/psychological (only)", all other categories should be recorded as 0.

Leave this field blank if the local authority did not consider it necessary to protect the adult from abuse or neglect or a risk of abuse or neglect during the year.

Care and Support details

The data items are to be completed for only those adults with an active care and support plan as of **31 March 2026**.

Residence

The type of residence for the individual on 31 March should be recorded. Please select the type of accommodation the adult is in on 31 March.

Enter 1 if the adult is in their own home (i.e. residing in the community). This includes where the adult is in a residential care home or supported accommodation **on a short-term placement or respite care** – but would typically reside at home. This applies to both local authority-provided and private care homes or supported accommodation. Adults in an Adult Placement Scheme (Shared Lives) should be recorded here.

Enter 2 if the adult is living in a residential care home or supported accommodation on a **long-term placement**. As above, this applies to both local authority-provided and private care homes or supported accommodation.

Enter 3 if the adult is currently being held in the secure estate. Only select 3 if the adult is being held for a term of **more than three months**.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

If the individual is not living in a residential care home on a long-term placement or currently being held in the secure estate for a term of more than three months, then they are considered as living in their own home.

The responsible local authority is the local authority in which the secure estate is situated.

Current Safeguarding

Enter 1 if the adult had an **active** care and support protection plan for adults on 31 March where the local authority considers it necessary to protect an adult from abuse or neglect or a risk of abuse or neglect.

Enter 0 if the adult did not have an **active** care and support protection plan for adults on 31 March where the local authority considers it necessary to protect an adult from abuse or neglect or a risk of abuse or neglect.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

Types of care and support

The types of care and support being currently provided should be recorded and part of the ongoing record of care and support. Please select what types of care and support the individual is currently receiving (i.e. on 31 March). An individual may be provided with more than one type of care and support, please select all types that the individual is receiving.

For each type of care and support, enter 1 if this is currently being provided to the adult. Enter 0 if the adult is not currently receiving this type of care and support.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

Types of care and support:

- Domiciliary care
- Day care
- Respite care or short breaks or replacement care
- Adult Placement Scheme (Shared Lives)
- Supported accommodation or supported living
- Direct payments
- Adult care homes (without nursing)
- Adult care homes with nursing
- Reablement

Domiciliary care – Practical services that assist the person to function as independently as possible and/or continue to live in their home. Do not include reablement services that take place in a person's own home, this should be recorded as reablement.

Day care – Attendance at a day centre or in the community for care and/or meals.

Respite care – Care provided by the local authority to provide relief to the carer(s) and person being cared for, where the individual who receives care and support is temporarily accommodated away from their home or usual place of residence, e.g. in a residential home setting. The period of care should cover at least one night but should not exceed 3 months. Do not include temporary care home accommodation for those individuals awaiting a long-term package of care.

Short breaks – Care provided by the local authority to provide relief to the carer(s) and person being cared for, where a paid carer provides support in the person's home or usual place of residence. The period of care should cover one or more hours, but less than 24 hours or overnight.

Adult Placement Scheme (Shared Lives) – This is a scheme by which an adult lives with a carer in a long-term arrangement. Accommodation and support may be provided to one, two or, exceptionally, three adults placed with the agreement of an Adult Placement Scheme.

Supported accommodation or supported living – Care for people in their own home or place of residence for which they have their own tenancy agreement.

Direct payments – Monetary payments made by local authorities directly to adults for the purchase of care and support services.

Adult care homes without nursing - includes:

<u>Local authority care home service</u> – Local authority run establishment providing accommodation together with care as defined under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016. Exclude people receiving respite care as a series of planned short-term breaks.

<u>Independent sector care home services under contract</u> - Privately run establishment providing accommodation together with personal care.

Adult care home services with nursing – Independent sector care homes under contract, providing accommodation together with personal and nursing care. Exclude people receiving respite care as a series of planned short-term breaks.

Reablement – some adults current receiving reablement as of 31st March, will not have a care and support plan. **Do not include these.** Only include those adults who have a current care and support plan who are also currently receiving reablement as of 31st March.

Has a known carer

Whether the person receives support from an unpaid (informal) carer gives a holistic view of a person's support package. It is recognised that there can be multiple unpaid (informal) carers known to the client and actively providing support. For the purposes of the collection, a value of 'Yes' would indicate that at least one carer is known to the client on 31 March.

This information should be based on the most recent assessment or review.

Enter 1 if the individual has one or more known carer.

Enter 0 if the individual has no identified carer.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

Caring responsibilities

Please record whether the adult also has caring responsibilities. A carer is someone who provides or intends to provide care for an adult or disabled child.

Enter 0 If the adult has no caring responsibilities on 31 March.

Enter 1 if the adult has known caring responsibilities on 31 March **and** receives known, ongoing support as a carer.

Enter 2 if the adult has known caring responsibilities on 31 March but **does not or it is not known** whether they receive ongoing support as a carer.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

An individual will have been offered a carer's assessment if they have caring responsibilities, regardless of whether they have taken up the offer of assessment and/or carer's support. This may be in the form of a dual care and support and carer's plan.

Events

As part of the individual's ongoing care record, the number of assessments, re-assessments, and reviews completed should be recorded. Please indicate how many of each of these events have occurred in the reporting year for the adult receiving care and support.

 Number of assessments completed (which may include one or more specialist assessments)

- Number of re-assessments completed (which may include one or more specialist assessments)
- Number of reviews completed

This should **include** any assessments that incorporate detailed or comprehensive assessments within the process of assessment. Any specialist assessments undertaken as part of the comprehensive review process should not be counted as separate assessments. See AD/004 for more information.

This will indicate the resource required by an individual's care; it is not intended as a reflection of the complexity of an individual's needs.

Enter 88 if this information is not known.

Annex A - List of data items

Core details

Local authority code

Local authority adult identifier

Surname

First name(s)

Adult's home postcode

Date of birth

Gender

Ethnicity

Impairment - Sight

Impairment – Hearing

Impairment - Physical

Impairment - Mental illness

Impairment – Dementia

Impairment – Neurodevelopmental condition

Impairment – Other (not listed)

Impairment - None

Language

Date latest continuous period of care and support began

Care and support plan active on 31 March

Date care and support plan closed

Reason for care and support plan closure

Adult safeguarding

Category of safeguarding - Neglect

Category of safeguarding - Physical abuse

Category of safeguarding – Sexual abuse

Category of safeguarding – Financial abuse

Category of safeguarding – Emotional/Psychological abuse (only)

Care and Support details

Residence

Current safeguarding

Types of care and support - Domiciliary care

Types of care and support – Day care

Types of care and support – Respite care

Types of care and support - Short breaks

Types of care and support – Adult placements

Types of care and support – Support accommodation/supported living

Types of care and support – Direct payments

Types of care and support - Adult care homes without nursing

Types of care and support – Adult care homes with nursing

Types of care and support – Telecare

Has a known carer

Caring responsibilities

Events

Annex B - Code List Language

Code Language **ENG English**

CYM Welsh/Cymraeg

ACL Acholi **ADA** Adangme AFA Afar-Saho AFK **Afrikaans AKA** Akan/Twi-Fante ALB Albanian/Shqip

ALU Alur **AMR Amharic ARA** Arabic ARM Armenian **ASM** Assamese

Assyrian/Aramaic **ASR**

AYB Anyi-Baule AYM Aymara AZE Azeri

Bamileke (Any) BAI

BAL Balochi BEJ Beja/Bedawi BEL Belarusian BEM Bemba BHO Bhojpuri BIK Bikol BIS Bislama Balti Tibetan BLT

BMA Burmese/Myanma

BNG Bengali

BSL British Sign Language Basque/Euskara **BSQ**

BUL Bulgarian

Cambodian/Khmer CAM

CAT Catalan

Caribbean Creole English CCE CF Caribbean Creole French

CGA Chaga

CGR Chattisgarhi/Khatahi

CHE Chechen CHI Chinese **CKW** Chokwe CRN Cornish

CTR Chitrali/Khowar **CWA** Chichewa/Nyanja

CZE Czech DAN Danish DGA Dagaare DGB Dagbane DIN Dinka/Jieng **DUT** Dutch/Flemish

DZO Dzongkha/Bhutanese

EBI Ebira **EDO** Edo/Bini EFI Efik-Ibibio **ESA** Esan/Ishan Estonian **EST EWE** Ewe **EWO**

Ewondo

FAN Fang FIJ Fijian FIN Finnish FON Fon FRN French

FUL Fula/Fulfulde-Pulaar

GAA Ga

GAE Gaelic/Irish

GAL Gaelic (Scotland)

GEO Georgian
GER German
GGO Gogo/Chigogo
GKY Kikuyu/Gikuyu
GLG Galician/Galego

GRE Greek
GRN Guarani
GUJ Gujarati

GUN Gurenne/Frafra

GUR Gurma HAU Hausa HDK Hindko HEB Hebrew HER Herero HGR Hungarian HIN Hindi **IBA** Iban **IDM** Idoma **IGA** Igala

IGA Igala
IGB Igbo
IJO Ijo (Any)
ILO Ilokano
ISK Itsekiri
ISL Icelandic

ITA Italian
JAV Javanese

JIN Jinghpaw/Kachin

JPN Japanese **KAM** Kikamba **KAN** Kannada **KAR** Karen (Any) KAS Kashmiri KAU Kanuri KAZ Kazakh **KCH** Katchi

KGZ Kirghiz/Kyrgyz

KHA Khasi

KHY Kihaya/Luziba **KIN** Kinyarwanda

KIR Kirundi

KIS Kisi (West Africa)

KLN Kalenjin KMB Kimbundu KME Kimeru KNK Konkani

KNY Kinyakyusa-Ngonde

KON Kikongo KOR Korean KPE Kpelle KRI Krio KRU Kru (Any) KSI Kisii/Ekegusii (Kenya)

KSU Kisukuma KUR Kurdish LAO Lao LBA Luba

LGA LugandaLGB Lugbara

LGS Lugisu/Lumasaba

LIN Lingala
LIT Lithuanian
LNG Lango (Uganda)

LOZ Lozi/Silozi LSO Lusoga LTV Latvian

LUE Luxemburgish Luvale/Luena

LUN Lunda

LUO Luo (Kenya/Tanzania)

LUY Luhya (Any)
MAG Magahi
MAI Maithili
MAK Makua

MAN Manding/Mandekan

MAO Maori MAR Marathi MAS Maasai

MDV Maldivian/Dhivehi

MEN Mende
MKD Macedonian
MLG Malagasy
MLM Malayalam
MLT Maltese

MLY Malay/IndonesianMNA Magindanao-MaranaoMNG Mongolian (Khalkha)

MNX Manx Gaelic MOR Moore/Mossi

MSC Mauritian/Seychelles Creole

MUN Munda (Any)
MYA Maya (Any)
NAH Nahuatl/Mexicano
NAM Nama/Damara
NBN Nubian (Any)

NDB Ndebele
NEP Nepali
NOR Norwegian
NUE Nuer/Naadh

NUPNWANewariNZMNzema

OAM Ambo/Oshiwambo

OGN Ogoni (Any)

ORI Oriya ORM Oromo

OTL Other Language / Unknown / Unable to communicate

PAG Pangasinan PAM Pampangan PAT Pashto/Pakhto

PHA Pahari/Himachali (India)

PHR Pahari (Pakistan)

PNJ Panjabi POL Polish POR Portugu

POR Portuguese
PRS Persian/Farsi

QUE Quechua

RAJ Rajasthani/Marwari

RME Romany/English Romanes RMI Romani (International)

RMN Romanian
RMS Romansch
RNY Runyakitara
RUS Russian
SAM Samoan

SCB Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian

SCO Scots

SHL Shilluk/Cholo

HO ShonaSID Sidamo

SIO Sign Language (Other)

SLO Slovak SLV Slovenian SND Sindhi SNG Sango SNH Sinhala SOM Somali SPA Spanish SRD Sardinian

SRK SiraikiSSO Sotho/Sesotho

SSW Swazi/Siswati
STS Tswana/Setswana

SWA Swahili/Kiswahili

SWE Swedish
TAM Tamil
TEL Telugu
TEM Temne
TES Teso/Ateso

TGE Tigre

TGL Tagalog/Filipino

TGR Tigrinya
THA Thai
TIB Tibetan
TIV Tiv

TMZ Berber/Tamazight

TNG Tonga/Chitonga (Zambia)

TON Tongan (Oceania)

TPI Tok Pisin

TRI Traveller Irish/Shelta

TSO Tsonga TUK Turkmen TUL Tulu TUM Tumbuka TUR Turkish **UKR** Ukrainian **UMB** Umbundu **URD** Urdu

URH Urhobo-Isoko

UYG Uyghur UZB Uzbek VEN Venda VIE Vietnamese VSY

Visayan/Bisaya Wa-Paraok (South-East Asia) West-African Creole Portuguese WAP WCP

WOL Wolof

West-African Pidgin English **WPE**

XHO Xhosa

Yao/Chiyao (East Africa) YAO

YDI Yiddish YOR Yoruba Zande ZND ZUL Zulu ZZX Refused

Annex C – List of data items

Change Log 2025-26 Version 0.1

- Dates rolled forwards from previous collection year
- Inclusion of Change Log
- Addition of guidance around inclusion of adults with Care and Treatment plans in ARCS return.
- Clarification and amendment of Disability section including revised answers to make responses easier.
- Replacement of "disabilities" with "impairments" in line with Social Model of Disability
- Addition of Unknown response to Disability section
- Clarification of Care and Support plan section.
- Addition of code for "not known" responses to Residence, Current Safeguarding, Types of Care and Support, and Events.
- Amendment to Types of Care and Support inclusion of Reablement, removal of Telecare; revised wording of Adult Placement Scheme (Shared Lives) option.
- Revised wording for Events section, referring to "completed" (re-)assessments and reviews.
- Reformatting of Annexe B list of languages