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Part 2 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act

Sections 5-8

Duties in relation to well-being and other overarching duties

What the code must do:

- Support local authorities to promote the well-being of people who need care and support and carers who need support
- Support local authorities to ensure that the well-being needs of people who need care and support and carers who need support inform their broader functions
- Highlight the well-being outcomes that are to be achieved via a statement relating to well-being which specifies outcomes and measures by reference to which the achievement of those outcomes is to be assessed

Population Assessment

Section 14 of the Act states that a local authority and Local Health Board should work together jointly to assess:

- The extent of the care and support needs of the local population;
- The extent of support needs for carers;
- The extent to which those needs are being met;
- The range and level of services needed to meet the care and support needs identified;
- The range and level of preventative services needed.

Regulations

The regulations under **Section 14** will set out requirements for:

- Publication & approval of the population assessment report;
- Timescales;
- Review;
- Citizen and Service Provider Engagement

Section 166 of the Act provides Welsh Ministers with regulation making powers to require specified partnership arrangements. We propose that a **combined assessment exercise** is undertaken in each LHB area with the local authorities in that area.

Code of Practice

The Code of Practice builds on the regulations and provides a range information about the Welsh Government's expectations of how a population assessment is undertaken and how the partnership arrangements will operate.

Population assessment:

- Structure of Population Assessment Report:
 - (i) assessment of need; and
 - (ii) range & level of services required
- Sources of information;
- Presenting the assessment findings under core themes

Partnership arrangement:

- Responsibilities of lead coordinating body

Preventative Services

Section 15 of the Act requires local authorities to provide a range of preventative services to achieve various purposes, including:

- Contributing towards preventing or delaying the development of people's needs for care and support;
- Reducing the needs for care and support of people who have such needs;
- Contributing towards preventing people from suffering abuse or neglect;

The code of practice sets out the requirements on a local authority to provide a range of preventative services. It sets out that preventative services includes many different types of services and provides general guidance including in relation to:

- Ensuring a culture of providing preventative services exists within the local authority;
- General principles in providing preventative services;
- Identifying those who may benefit from preventative services; and
- Re-ablement.

Prevention is a theme than runs through the Act and should underpin all aspects of the delivery of care and support.

Section 16

Duty to promote Social Enterprises, co-operatives, user led services and the third sector

What the regulations and code must do:

- Treat people as equal partners in designing their care and support (*co-production*)
- Support the involvement of individuals; increasing voice and control
- Support the well-being agenda
- Enable diversity in provision and innovation, to promote early intervention and preventative services
- Promote arrangements and organisations which have added value or social benefits, whilst providing care and support for individuals

Section 17

Provision of information, advice and assistance

Duties in relation to providing people with:

- Information and Advice relating to care and support; and
- Assistance in accessing care and support

The code of practice covers:

- definitions
- assessment
- recording management information
- accessibility
- integrated services
- workforce implications
- governance and accountability
- national service delivery standards