

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act

Partnership working

- Partnership Boards will be established
- Local Authorities and Health Boards will need to work in partnership to ensure resources are available and effectively utilised

Principles of the Act

- **People** - putting the individual at the centre by giving them a stronger voice and control over services they receive
- **Well-being** - supporting people to achieve their own well-being building on a person's circumstances, capabilities, networks and communities
- **Earlier intervention** - more preventative services, supporting people before their needs become critical
- **Working together** - stronger partnership working between all parties involved

Assessing the area

- Health Boards and Local Authorities will together assess the care and support needs of the population in their area
- They will:
 - Also assess how many carers need support
 - Determine where needs are not being met
 - Decide what services are needed

Assessing the person

- Individual assessments by organisations such as Local Authorities, Health Boards and NHS Trusts can be carried out at the same time
- These assessments can be completed by one body on behalf of others

Safeguarding

- If there is reasonable cause to suspect an adult or child is at risk, this must be reported to the Local Authority

Co-operating

- Local Authorities will co-operate with partners to improve well-being, the quality of care and support, and safeguarding
- Health Boards will be required to co-operate with Local Authorities to improve well-being

How will the Act affect those who work in health?

