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A Guide to the Well-being of Future Generations Act



This is an easy read document from the Welsh Government

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Hello!

There is a law in Wales called the [Well-being of Future Generations Act](#). The law started on 1 April 2016.

This law wants to make Wales a better place to live for you to live in now and for people in the future.

This easy read tells you about the important facts.

You may want to know more. You can find out more on page 7.

Why we need this law

This law says that **public bodies** in Wales must think about people now and in the future when they make their decisions.

Wales has lots of challenges. These challenges are things like:

- climate change
- poverty
- some people have poor health.

In order to make things better, everyone needs to work together.

We need to think about what people need now.

But also how that will affect people in the future.

There are 44 **public bodies** that must work together to make things better:

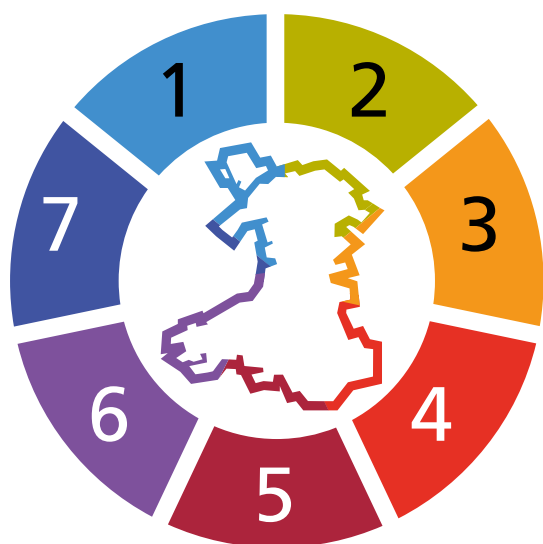
- Welsh Ministers
- Local Authorities
- Local Health Boards
- Public Health Wales NHS Trust
- Velindre NHS Trust
- National Park Authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Natural Resources Wales
- The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
- The Arts Council of Wales
- Sports Council of Wales
- National Library of Wales
- National Museum of Wales
- Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust
- Digital Health and Care Wales

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- Health Education and Improvement Wales
 - Social Care Wales
 - Welsh Revenue Authority
 - Transport for Wales
 - Centre for Digital Public Services Limited
 - Qualifications Wales

Public Bodies are things like local councils, the NHS, fire and rescue services that provide us with services like doctors surgeries, schools and collect our bins.

How it works

The law has 7 goals so that all the public bodies know what they must work towards. These are the Well-being Goals:

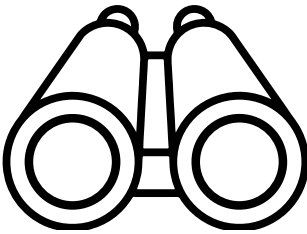


- 1 A globally responsible Wales
- 2 A prosperous Wales
- 3 A resilient Wales
- 4 A healthier Wales
- 5 A more equal Wales
- 6 A Wales of cohesive communities
- 7 A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

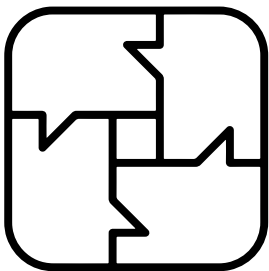
The public bodies must work on all of the goals, not just one or two.

Public bodies need to make sure that when they make decisions they think about how it will affect people living in Wales in the future. This means they need to think about being **sustainable**.

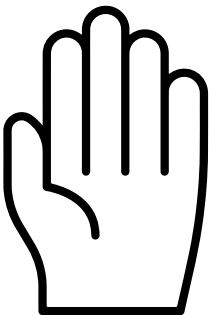
To be sustainable, they have to think about:



- The long term.



- How things link up together such as the economy, society, culture and environment.



- How to stop problems happening in the first place.



- How they work together with others.



- How they involve people in making decisions.

Sustainable means using the things we need to live our lives but making sure that there are still enough left for future generations.

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

The Future Generations Commissioner is the person that makes sure public bodies are working in a sustainable way.

The Commissioner can also suggest ways public bodies can work better.

The Future Generations Commissioner writes a report once every Government term on how well Wales is doing in reaching the goals.

Finding out more

If you want to know more about the Well-being of Future Generations you can go to our website:
gov.wales/well-being-of-future-generations-wales

To contact the Future Generations Commissioner you can visit the Future Generations website at: www.futuregenerations.wales