

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Title of proposal:	Introduction of Direct Payments for Continuing Health Care (CHC)
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This Bill's provisions do not focus initially on CHC for children or young people, and therefore there has been no requirement for a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment at this point. Taking into account the CRIA guidance, officials considered that the proposed provisions within the Bill were not likely to have an impact on children and young people in Wales and their rights. Therefore officials considered that there was no requirement for a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment at this point. Should a decision be taken in the future to use powers within the Bill to create the option of direct payments for children's CHC, a CRIA would be appropriately undertaken at that time.

There will be positive impacts for those young adults (18+) who have transitioned from children's services where direct payments may be an option via the social care component, to adult healthcare services where at present direct payments are not an option. These young adults will be able to opt to keep their personal assistants and care package in the same format as they could under children's services.