

Annex 1

List of current policies and strategies

Programme for Government: The Programme for Government is the Welsh Government's plan of action. It represents a real commitment to delivery, measured by the impact government is actually having on people's lives.

Tackling Poverty Action Plan: Tackling poverty remains a key Welsh Government commitment.

The Welsh Government's 2012 Tackling Poverty Action Plan set out what we are doing to help prevent and reduce poverty in Wales. A refresh of this Action Plan Building Resilient Communities: Taking forward the Tackling Poverty Action Plan was published in July 2013. The 2013 Action Plan sets out key milestones and targets which support the delivery of better outcomes for households of families living in poverty. These targets and milestones have a strong focus on preventing poverty in the longer term, as well as reducing worklessness and mitigating the impact of poverty.

Child Poverty Strategy: The recently published Child Poverty Strategy further strengthens the links between the tackling poverty and reducing inequalities. The Child Poverty Strategy commits the Welsh Government to work to develop an integrated approach to assessing impact, where poverty and equality are considered together. We know, for example, families with disabled parents and families with disabled children often face a "double" disadvantage: they are more at risk of living in poverty, but also experience higher living costs. It will be important for the Equality Objectives to consider these issues further.

Communities First: Communities First is our community focussed tackling poverty programme. The programme provides funding for our most deprived communities, known as Communities First Clusters to narrow the economic, education/skills and health gaps between our most deprived and more affluent areas. It has three strategic objectives helping to achieve these outcomes, Prosperous Communities, Learning Communities and Healthier Communities. The programme has 52 Communities First Clusters which between them work with all of the communities which are eligible for inclusion in the programme.

Families First: Families First provides funding to local authorities to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. Each local authority has developed a Families First Action Plan which sets out how they will implement Families First locally. We want Families First to help: working age people in low income families gain, and progress within employment; for children, young people and families, in or at risk of poverty, to achieve their potential; for children, young people and families to be healthy, safe and enjoy well-being; and for families to be confident, nurturing, and resilient.

Flying Start: Flying Start is the Welsh Government's targeted Early Years programme for families with children under 4 years of age in some of the most deprived areas of Wales. The core elements of the programme are drawn from a range of options which have been shown to influence positive outcomes for children and their families. These include free high quality, part-time childcare for 2-3 year olds, an enhanced Health Visiting service, access to Parenting Programmes and Early Language Development. This programme is universally available to all eligible children and their families in the areas in which it runs.

Supporting People Programme: The Supporting People Programme helps the most vulnerable in our society to live as independently as possible. It provides support to help people to live as independently as possible in their own homes, hostels, in supported housing and in other specialist housing. Helping people to manage their accommodation and to manage their income are part of a wide range of support delivered. At its heart is preventative and early intervention, which helps to reduce demands on other services such as health, community safety and social services. Funding for the programme is distributed via local authorities working in Regional Collaborative Committees to assess and meet local need. Case studies on the Supporting People programme can be accessed via this link below:

Building a Brighter Future: The Early Years and Childcare Plan (2013): The Early years and Childcare Plan brings programmes and policies together in a more joined-up and coordinated way to support children and their families across the early years. Launched in July 2013, the Plan sets out an agreed course of objectives to improve our early years and childcare provision over the next 10 years. The main themes in the Plan are children's health and well-being; supporting families and parents; high-quality early education and childcare; effective primary education; and raising standards.

Rewriting the future: raising ambition and attainment in Welsh schools (2014):

Schools, working with their partners, urgently need to break down the barriers faced by learners from deprived backgrounds by acting as the central focus for interventions and support. Rewriting the future shows what schools need to do, why deprivation matters and the evidence base for the four main themes of the strategy which are: Family and Community Engagement; the Early Years; High Quality Learning and Teaching; and High Expectations and Aspirations.

Framework for Action on Independent Living (2013): The Framework for Action examines the barriers to equality and inclusion faced by disabled people, and the action needed to address them. It was developed following extensive engagement and consultation with disabled people across Wales and has a government-wide and cross-generational focus on barriers and actions for improvement.

Declaration of Rights for older people: On 11 December 2012, the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services announced the Welsh Government's commitment to exploring a Declaration of Rights for Older People in Wales. Declaration could help by ensuring that statutory bodies and service providers who work for, or on behalf of older people know what is expected when providing services for older people. It could also help older people to know what their rights are by clearly setting out their entitlements.

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: It provides the legal framework for improving the well-being of people who need care and support, and carers who need support, and for transforming social services in Wales.

Together for Mental Health strategy: A 10-year strategy for improving the lives of people using mental health services, their carers and their families. At the heart of the strategy is the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010, which places legal duties on health boards and local authorities to improve support for people with mental ill-health.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill (2014): This Bill proposes to strengthen existing governance arrangements for improving the well-being of Wales to ensure present needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Youth Engagement and Progression Framework (2013): The Youth Engagement and Progression Framework aims to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) over a 2 year period.

Policy Statement on Skills (2014): The Policy Statement on Skills sets out future policy actions which will enable Wales to evolve into a highly skilled nation. It is focused on employment and skills and covers four priority areas: skills for jobs and growth; skills which respond to local needs; skills which employers value; and skills for employment.

Fuel Poverty Strategy (2010): The Fuel Poverty Strategy sets out the actions Welsh Government intend to take to reduce fuel poverty in Wales. This includes the delivery of the demand-led fuel poverty scheme Nest. This targets fuel poor households, and offers more measures to help households living in off-gas, hard to treat homes.

Strategic Vision for Maternity Services in Wales (2011): The Strategic Vision for Maternity Services in Wales document sets out the Welsh Government expectations of NHS Wales in delivering safe, sustainable and high quality maternity services in Wales.

'Getting on together' a Community Cohesion Strategy for Wales (2009): The purpose of this Strategy is to support service providers such as local authorities and their partners to develop a strategic approach to promoting and maintaining cohesion in their local areas. The Strategy encourages action which is appropriate and is proportionate to local circumstances, and reflects Welsh priorities by providing guidance on issues that we know can impact on local cohesion.

Community Cohesion National Delivery Plan 2014-2016 (2014): The aim of this new National Delivery Plan is to reaffirm the Welsh Government's commitment to strengthen community cohesion across Wales. We will support the continuation of work on a pan-Wales basis through Community Cohesion Co-ordinators who have been funded until 2016 to take forward the National Delivery Plan. This will continue to build cohesion through local and regional approaches and ensure consistent all-Wales outcomes are achieved. The Plan will enable organisations with an interest in community cohesion to see what the Welsh Government is taking forward.

'Travelling to a better future' a Gypsy and Traveller Framework for Action (2011): This Framework for Action focuses on several key policy areas which affect the way Gypsies and Travellers access services including accommodation, health, education, participation and planning and other barriers facing the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Refugee Inclusion Strategy (2008) Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan (2014): The overall aim of the inclusion strategy is to support and enable refugees to rebuild their lives in Wales and make a full contribution to society.

'Tackling hate crimes and incidents' a Framework for Action (2013): The Framework has been developed through a Task and Finish Group across Welsh Government and Statutory and Voluntary Partners. Extensive engagement across the protected characteristics of disability, race, religion, sexual orientation and gender reassignment has taken place through focus groups and evidence gathered through an on-line survey in 2012.

Fairer Health Outcomes for All (FOFA) – Reducing Inequities in Health Strategic Action Plan (2011): A key action of Our Healthy Future was to develop a Reducing Inequities in Health Strategic Action Plan. The FHOFO Plan is about putting in place the building blocks to support a long term and systematic approach and joint working with our citizens and partners to achieve greater equity in health.