

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol | Health and Social Care Committee

Bil Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol (Cymru) | Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers of People with Learning Disabilities, |
Evidence from All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers of People with Learning Disabilities,

General principles of the Bill

1. What are your views on the general principles of the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

2. Is there a need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy intention?

Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 2

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

3. What are your views on Part 1, Chapter 1 of the Bill (sections 1-13), which makes provision intended to restrict the extraction of profit by providers of children's care home services, secure accommodation services and fostering services

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

4. What are your views on Part 1, Chapter 2 of the Bill (sections 14-22 and schedule 1), which makes a number of amendments in relation to social care services, social care workers and local authority social services, intended to ensure that the 2014 and 2016 Acts can operate fully and effectively

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

5. What are your views on Part 2 of the Bill (sections 23-26 and schedule 2), which relates to health care, and makes amendments to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 in order to enable the introduction of direct payments within NHS Continuing Healthcare

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

We welcome the introduction of Direct Payments within NHS Continuing Healthcare, but it is important we acknowledge and address some of the issues we know exist within the delivery of them within social care in order for this to work seamlessly. If we're to achieve equity of status for social care alongside health, we need to enable and enforce a culture where they can truly be equal partners in care delivery, and that includes in situations where packages

should be jointly delivered. That shouldn't come at the expense of the people receiving care and support though, and that's why so many of us over the years have pushed for some form of regulations to support the start of that journey. Clear and robust guidance is needed for health and social care to work together in partnership so families do not find themselves in situations where they are repeating themselves to different members of staff. We are pleased to see that this is now being explored in legislation to further enhance the agenda of integrated care for all.

We recognise that Health has capacity and funding challenges, but it is also true that if we wish to see greater emphasis on person-centred services, and the role of preventative support approaches, then this model of DP and CHC is certainly one avenue that should be available.

In summary, we agree with these key principles in offering people the control & choice over the care they wish to receive. We also agree that this will enhance better integrated working across health and social care and it will go some way in reducing regulatory barriers. However, we still need to ensure that this works in tandem with the Social Services and Well-being Act and the current offers of social care rather than on a parallel track.

6. What are your views on Part 3 of the Bill (sections 27-30) which contains a number of general provisions, including in relation to regulations, interpretation, consequential and transitional provisions, and coming into force provisions

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Implementation and impact of the Bill

7. Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

8. Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

9. What are your views on the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum?)

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

10. What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

11. What are your views on the Welsh Government's integrated impact assessments (set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum), including the Children's Rights Impact Assessment

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Development of the policy and legislative proposals

12. What are your views on the approach taken by the Welsh Government to the development of the policy and legislative proposals reflected in the Bill.

Among any other issues, please consider in particular the approach to engaging and consulting with stakeholders

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Any other issues

13. Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill, the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment, or any related matters?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

