

Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act

Carers of People with Mental Health Conditions



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Part 1 of the Act: Introduction



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- Makes provision for improving the well-being outcomes for carers who need support – and defines the meaning of ‘well-being’

- Defines a carer as; ‘a person who provides or intends to provide care for an adult or disabled child’

Part 2 of the Act: General Functions



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- Overarching duties - General duty to promote the well-being of a carer who has, or may have, needs for support
- Well-being outcomes - Welsh Ministers must issue a statement relating to the well-being of carers in Wales who need support
- Population Assessment – Local authorities and Local Health Boards must jointly carry out an assessment of support needs of carers
- Preventative services – A local authority must provide or arrange for the provision of a range and level of preventative services
- Provision of information, advice and assistance – A local authority must secure the provision of a service for providing carers with information, advice and assistance relating to accessing support

Part 3 of the Act: Assessing the Needs of Individuals



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- The Act creates a duty for local authorities to undertake a carer's assessment where it appears that the carer has needs for support
- The Act requires assessments to be proportionate to ensure more energy is focused on delivering support
- Carers will be assessed as to whether they have 'an eligible need' for support against eligibility criteria
- Local authorities must assess the extent to which the carer is able (and will continue to be able), to provide care for the person their caring for.

Part 4 of the Act: Meeting Needs (and Direct Payments)



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- A local authority must determine whether the provision of support will assist the carer to meet their personal outcomes
- If carer assessed and confirmed as having ‘an eligible need’ for support the local authority will put in place a support plan
- Carers assessed as having an eligible need for support will be entitled to receive direct payments to arrange their own support



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In this section, you'll find a range of resources to support those working with carers to implement the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act.

Websites

<http://www.ccwales.org.uk/the-act/>

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