

# WALES

## RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE IN WALES

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### 1. CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND SPORT

- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to reform social services law; to make provision about improving the well-being outcomes for people who need care and support and carers who need support; to make provision about co-operation and partnership by public authorities with a view to improving the well-being of people; to make provision about complaints relating to social care and palliative care; and for connected purposes

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en>
- <https://socialcare.wales/hub/sswbact>
- [https://socialcare.wales/cms\\_assets/hub-downloads/Guidance\\_Note\\_Repeals\\_and\\_Transitional\\_Provisions.pdf](https://socialcare.wales/cms_assets/hub-downloads/Guidance_Note_Repeals_and_Transitional_Provisions.pdf)

- Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision for the registration and regulation

of persons providing care home services, secure accommodation services, residential family centre services, adoption services, fostering services, adult placement services, advocacy services and domiciliary support services; amending the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 in connection with the regulation of the social services functions of local authorities; for the renaming of the Care Council for Wales as Social Care Wales; for Social Care Wales to provide advice and other assistance to persons providing services involving care and support; for the registration, regulation and training of social care workers; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/2/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/health/socialcare/regulation/?lang=en>

- Wales Act 2017

An Act to amend the Government of Wales Act 2006 and the Wales Act 2014 and to make provision about the functions of the Welsh Ministers and about Welsh tribunals; and for connected purposes

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/4/contents>

- National Health Service Finance (Wales) Act 2014

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision in relation to the financial duties of Local Health Boards

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/2/contents>

- Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

The provision of practical assistance in a person's home, assistance in obtaining recreational facilities within both the home and within the local community, assistance with travel, assistance in arranging for the carrying out of any works of adaptation in his home or the provision of any additional facilities designed to secure his greater safety, comfort or convenience, facilitating the taking of holidays, the provision of meals, and any special equipment necessary to enable him to use a telephone. Sections 1,2 and 28A has been repealed / disapplied in Wales and superseded by the SSWB Act.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/44/contents>

## 2. CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIROMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- Planning (Wales) Act 2015

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about national, strategic and local development planning in Wales; to make provision for certain applications for planning permission and certain other applications to be made to the Welsh Ministers; to make other provision about development management and applications for planning permission; to make provision about planning enforcement, appeals and certain other proceedings; to amend the Commons Act 2006; and for connected purposes

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/4/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planning-wales-act-2015/?lang=en>

- Public Bodies Act 2011

An Act to confer powers on Ministers of the Crown in relation to certain public bodies and offices; to confer powers on Welsh Ministers in relation to environmental and other public bodies; to make provision about delegation and shared services in relation to persons exercising environmental functions; to abolish regional development agencies; to make provision about the funding of Sianel Pedwar Cymru; to make provision about the powers of bodies established under the National Heritage Act 1983 to form companies; to repeal provisions of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 relating to appeals to the Chief Coroner; to make provision about amendment of Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/24/contents>

## 3. CABINET SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN

- Housing (Wales) Act 2014

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to provide for the regulation of private rented housing; to reform the law relating to homelessness; to provide for assessment of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and to require local authorities to meet those needs; to make provision about the standards of housing provided by local authorities; to abolish housing revenue account subsidy; to allow fully mutual housing associations to grant assured tenancies; to make provision about council tax payable for empty dwellings; and for other housing purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/7/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/legislation/housing-act/?lang=en>

- Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about tenancies and licences which confer the right to occupy a dwelling as a home, including provision establishing two kinds of contract for the purpose of renting homes; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/1/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/legislation/rentingbill/?lang=en>

- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision requiring public bodies to do things in pursuit of the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales in a way that accords with the sustainable development principle; to require public bodies to report on such action; to establish a Commissioner for Future Generations to advise and assist public bodies in doing things in accordance with this Act; to establish public services boards in local authority areas; to make provision requiring those boards to plan and take action in pursuit of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in their area; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en>

- Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996

An Act to enable local authorities responsible for community care services to make payments to persons in respect of their securing the provision of such services; and for connected purposes

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/30/contents>

- Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

An Act to make provision for grants and other assistance for housing purposes and about action in relation to unfit housing; to amend the law relating to construction contracts and architects; to provide grants and other assistance for regeneration and development and in connection with clearance areas; to amend the provisions relating to home energy efficiency schemes; to make provision in connection with the dissolution of urban development corporations, housing action trusts and the Commission for the New Towns; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/53/contents>
- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/disabledfacilities/?lang=en>

- Children Act 1989 (For information as no longer apply in Wales)

In general, the primary legislation which relates to the provision of care and support to children and their families is contained in Part 3 of a Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989 (“the 1989 Act”). The amendments made in the Regulations means that these provisions will no longer apply in relation to Wales but will, however, continue to apply in relation to England. The core provision for care and support to children and their families are now contained within the 2014 act.

- [https://socialcare.wales/cms\\_assets/hub-downloads/Guidance\\_Note\\_Repeals\\_and\\_Transitional\\_Provisions.pdf](https://socialcare.wales/cms_assets/hub-downloads/Guidance_Note_Repeals_and_Transitional_Provisions.pdf)

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Countries are to guarantee that persons with disabilities enjoy their inherent right to life on an equal basis with others (Article 10), ensure the equal rights and advancement of women and girls with disabilities (Article 6) and protect children with disabilities (Article 7)

- <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/children-and-young-people/rights/uncrc/?lang=en>

- Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill

The Bill will end the Right to Buy, Preserved Right to Buy and Right to Acquire for tenants of local authorities and registered social landlords.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/legislation/abolition-of-right-to-buy-and-associated-rights/?lang=en>

## 4. CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

An Act to make further provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, for protecting others against risks to health or safety in connection with the activities of persons at work, for controlling the keeping and use and preventing the unlawful acquisition, possession and use of dangerous substances, and for controlling certain emissions into the atmosphere; to make further provision with respect to the employment medical advisory service; to amend the law relating to building regulations, and the Building (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents>

## 5. CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

- National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Act 2012

An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about the use of the English and Welsh languages in proceedings of the National Assembly for Wales and in the discharge of the functions of the Assembly Commission.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2012/1/contents>

## 6. WELSH POLICIES AND GUIDANCE FOR EQUIPMENT, ADAPTATIONS AND HOUSING

- Housing and Regeneration link

Welsh Government Housing and Regeneration Department link for up to date information what is happening in Wales, Legislation and Grants that is available.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/?lang=en> (Wales) Act 2014

- Integrated Care Fund

The fund helps support older people to maintain their independence and remain at home, avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital or residential care and delays when someone is due to be discharged from care.

It is also being used to support the Integrated Autism Service for Wales and the roll out of the Welsh Community Care Information System across Wales.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/health/socialcare/working/icf/?lang=en>

- Housing Policy Development Programme

The Housing Development Programme supports projects and helps to pilot innovative management policies and schemes, develops housing management good practice and helps with the implementation of new housing management policies.

Reaching high standards of management requires continued support for the innovation that Wales' social landlords have shown managing their stock and regenerating disadvantaged communities. The Housing Policy Development Programme promotes the generation of good practice that can be copied across the Welsh housing sector.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/policy-development-programme/?lang=en>

- Social Care legislation in Wales Information and Learning Hub

- <https://socialcare.wales/hub/home>

- The Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002

In addition to DFG legislation- Local authorities gave powers to help people with purchasing an

alternative property. Local Authorities can also offer loans in addition to DFG's.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/1860/contents/made>

## 7. WELSH HOUSING AND REGENERATION GRANTS AND FUNDING

### • Housing Finance Grant

Our innovative scheme has funded the building of over 1,000 affordable homes throughout Wales using an alternative form of finance.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/housing-finance-grant/?lang=en>

### • Social Housing Grant

Social Housing Grant is a grant given to Registered Social Landlords (housing associations) by the Welsh Government. The grant aims to provide new affordable housing for rent or low cost home ownership.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/socialhousinggrant/?lang=en>

### • Wales Supporting People Programme Grant

The Supporting People programme provides housing-related support to help vulnerable people to live as independently as possible.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/services-and-support/supporting-people/?lang=en>

### • Disabled Facilities Grant

Disabled Facilities Grants can help towards the cost of adapting your home to enable you to continue to live there. A grant is paid when the council considers that changes to your home are necessary to meet your particular needs and that it is reasonable and practical to do the work.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/disabled-facilities-grant/?lang=en>

### • Home Improvement Loans

This scheme aims to ensure that people have a high quality, warm, secure and energy efficient home.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/home-improvement-loans/?lang=en>

- Housing Renewal Areas

Area based renewal schemes enable local authorities to focus activity and investment on areas that combine a need for assistance with the potential for regeneration. Investment in area based renewal schemes should not only secure improvements to houses themselves but also to environmental, social and economic conditions, leading to a restoration of confidence in the area.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/housing-renewal-areas/?lang=en>

- Physical Adaptations Grant

The grant provides funding to Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to adapt homes for RSL tenants in Wales with an identified need.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/grants-and-funding/physical-adaptations/?lang=en>

- Tenant participation support grant

This grant will support development of an innovative programme to encourage wider tenant involvement in both the social and private rental sectors.

The grant will help tenant groups build skills, confidence and knowledge amongst existing tenants. Tenant support includes advice and training for tenants on how to take part in both the strategic and day to day management of their housing provider. This will enable them to actively participate in improving the service delivery and business efficiency of their landlords.

## 8. WELSH DESIGN GUIDANCE

- Housing (Wales) Measure 2011

Part one of the Measure enables local housing authorities to apply to suspend the right to buy and related rights in areas of housing pressure for up to five years.

Part two gives Welsh Ministers additional intervention and enforcement powers for regulating Registered Social Landlords

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/measure2011/?lang=en>

- Welsh Housing Quality Standards

The standard requires all local landlords to improve their housing stock to an acceptable level

- [https://www.housinglin.org.uk/\\_assets/Resources/Housing/Regions/Wales/](https://www.housinglin.org.uk/_assets/Resources/Housing/Regions/Wales/)

[housingwhqsguide.pdf](#)

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-quality/welsh-standard/?lang=en>

- Welsh Government Development Quality Requirements (DQR) Design Standards and Guidance

DQR are the standards that Registered Social Landlords' housing must meet. Registered Social Landlords are also called Housing Associations. The standards apply to new and refurbished housing and cover: space standards, accessibility, energy efficiency and security.

- <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/devqualityrequire/?lang=en>

- A Model Design Guide for Wales: Residential Development – Design

The Design Commission for Wales was established by the National Assembly for Wales to promote good design. They support local planning authorities, developers and clients to capture the value of high quality design for better outcomes and a better return on investment.

- <https://dcfw.org/a-model-design-guide-for-wales-residential-development/>

- A review of Independent Living Adaptations

A review of DFGs and other housing adaptations – A report by Chris Jones for the housing directorate, Welsh Assembly Government March 2005

- <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/review-independent-living-adaptations/?lang=en>

- Guide to Housing Management for practitioners and people in the privately rented sector 2011

An awareness guide for people who manage rented housing – giving an insight into autistic spectrum disorders

- <http://wwwFOUNDATIONS.uk.com/media/4441/prs-good-practice-guide.pdf>

- Home Adaptations for Disabled People: A good practice guide

- <http://www.cieh.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=49154>

- Delivering Housing Adaptations for Disabled People: A good practice Guide

- <http://careandrepair-england.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/DFG-Good-Practice-Guide-30th-Sept-131.pdf>

- RNIB Cymru : Homes for people with learning disabilities and sight loss – a Guide to providing safe and accessible environments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/ADPDF-COU061501_Homes%20for%20People%20with%20Learning%20Disabilities-ENG.pdf">https://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/ADPDF-COU061501_Homes%20for%20People%20with%20Learning%20Disabilities-ENG.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal College of Occupational Therapists - Minor adaptations without delay</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/rcot-publications/downloads/minor-adaptations-without-delay">https://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/rcot-publications/downloads/minor-adaptations-without-delay</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscular Dystrophy UK 'Adaptations Manual: for children and adults with muscle-wasting conditions'</li> <li>• <a href="http://mduk.wpengine.com/app/uploads/2017/04/INF23-A-%C2%AD-Adapt-web.pdf">http://mduk.wpengine.com/app/uploads/2017/04/INF23-A-%C2%AD-Adapt-web.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Adaptations Design Communications Toolkit'</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nihe.gov.uk/adaptations_design_communications_toolkit.pdf">https://www.nihe.gov.uk/adaptations_design_communications_toolkit.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Pocklington Trust 'Housing for People with Sight Loss'</li> <li>• <a href="http://pocklington-trust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Housing-for-People-with-Sight-Loss.pdf">http://pocklington-trust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Housing-for-People-with-Sight-Loss.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland Department for Communities 'Wheelchair Housing'</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/wheelchair-housing">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/wheelchair-housing</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIHE Wheelchair User Housing Study</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nihe.gov.uk/wheelchairreport.pdf">https://www.nihe.gov.uk/wheelchairreport.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Regulations Approved Document M 2015 (England base but good practice for guidelines)</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m?=1">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m?=1</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">BS 8300-1: 2017 Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment – Part 1: External Environment – Code of Practice</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">BS 8300-2: 2017 Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment Part 2: Buildings - Code of practice</a></li> </ul>

## 9. USEFUL AGENCIES / LINKS IN WALES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Care Wales</li> </ul> <p>Set up to lead and support improvement in Wales by creating an environment of working</p>
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together and developing new relationships across the Welsh public service.

- [www.socialcare.wales](http://www.socialcare.wales)

- Dewis

Provides information or advice about well-being and what services is available or if you want to know how you can help someone else. They provide information that can help people think about what matters to them, and also got information about people and services in their area that can help you with the things that matter to you.

- [www.dewis.wales](http://www.dewis.wales)

- Care and Repair Cymru

Care & Repair Cymru is a national charitable body and actively works to ensure that all older people have homes that are safe, secure and appropriate to their needs

- <http://www.careandrepair.org.uk/en/>

- Community Housing Cymru

Community Housing Cymru (CHC) represents more than 70 not-for-profit housing associations and community mutuals in Wales. CHC has a Board and a Senior Management Group, supported by specialist teams. CHC campaigns and lobbies on behalf of, and with, members to promote social housing and related services in Wales.

- [www.chcymru.org.uk](http://www.chcymru.org.uk)

- Older People's Commissioner Wales

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales is an independent voice and champion for older people across Wales, standing up and speaking out on their behalf. She works to ensure that those who are vulnerable and at risk are kept safe and ensures that all older people have a voice that is heard, that they have choice and control, that they don't feel isolated or discriminated against and that they receive the support and services they need. The Commissioner's work is driven by what older people say matters most to them and their voices are at the heart of all that she does.

- [www.olderpeoplewales.com](http://www.olderpeoplewales.com)

- Children's Commissioner for Wales

<p>Championing the rights of children and young people in Wales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.childcomwales.org.uk">www.childcomwales.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<p>Welsh Language Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.comisiynyddygydraeg.cymru/english/Pages/Home.aspx">http://www.comisiynyddygydraeg.cymru/english/Pages/Home.aspx</a></li> </ul>
<p>Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://futuregenerations.wales/">https://futuregenerations.wales/</a></li> </ul>
<p>Shelter Cymru</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://sheltercymru.org.uk/">https://sheltercymru.org.uk/</a></li> </ul>

## 10. WELSH PARLIAMENT – CABINET FUNCTIONS AND MEMBERS 2017

<p>First Minister of Wales Rt. Hon Carwyn Jones AM</p> <p>The First Minister is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise of functions by the Welsh Government</li> <li>• Constitutional affairs</li> <li>• Strategic and corporate planning in the Welsh Government</li> <li>• Strategic Communications;</li> <li>• The legislative programme</li> <li>• Policy development and coordination of policy</li> <li>• International Affairs, strategic direction on EU withdrawal (including chairing the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition), international relations and Welsh Government presence abroad</li> <li>• Overall responsibility for openness in Government, including Freedom of Information</li> <li>• Civil Contingencies, including chairing the Wales Resilience Forum</li> <li>• Oversight of the Welsh Government's relationship with the Wales Audit Office</li> <li>• Staffing including the terms and conditions of Special Advisers and Welsh Government civil servants but not members of the Senior Civil Service</li> <li>• Overall responsibility for public appointments (i.e. ensuring that public appointments made by the Welsh Government are made in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code). Other Ministers will be responsible for public appointments issues within their portfolio area</li> <li>• The Ministerial Code</li> <li>• Tribunals.</li> </ul>
<p>Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government - Mark Drakeford AM</p>

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government is responsible for:

- Provision of strategic financial direction and management of the resources of the Welsh Government
- Development of a Welsh Treasury function
- Tax policy including local taxes (Business Rates and Council Tax) as well as devolved taxes
- Provision of strategic direction for administration and operation in relation to devolved and local taxes, including sponsorship of the Welsh Revenue Authority
- Publication and consultation on the Welsh Government's budget proposals
- Strategic investment decisions in line with the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan
- Invest to Save Fund
- City Deals
- General oversight of financial accounting and audit
- In year budget monitoring and management
- Ensuring value for money and effectiveness of spend across the Welsh Government's budget
- Operation and development of the devolved funding settlement and the Statement of Funding Policy
- Value Wales and the National Procurement Service
- Oversight and implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and liaison with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- The Location Strategy and acquisition, maintenance and disposal of property and other assets
- The co-ordination of National Statistics and the Census in Wales
- Chairing the European Advisory Group
- Policy on and administration of EU structural funds, related programmes except the CAP
- Strategic approach to the delivery of devolved public services, performance management, digital and data driven transformation, workforce matters, collaboration and public involvement
- Oversight of audit, inspection and regulation as they relate to public services, including the organisational arrangements for Health Inspectorate Wales and the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales;
- Structural, democratic, financial and constitutional reform of Local Authorities, including co-ordination of regional delivery models and their coherence with Local Government Reform
- The Local Government Partnership Council
- Local Government constitutional matters, scrutiny arrangements, cabinets, elected mayors, the role of councillors, their diversity, conduct and remuneration
- Local Government electoral arrangements, sponsorship of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and the timing of Local Authority elections
- Local Government finance policy and the un-hypothecated funding of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Commissioners through the Local Government revenue and capital settlements
- Financial governance, financing and accounting relating to Local Government
- Local taxation, including Council Tax, non-domestic rates, council tax reduction and the Sponsorship of the Valuation Office Agency and the Valuation Tribunal Service
- Local Government workforce matters (principally arising from reform) and the sponsorship of the Public Services Staff Commission

Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport - Vaughan Gething AM

- Day to day oversight of all aspects of NHS delivery and performance in Wales, including: performance against targets set out in the NHS Outcomes and Delivery Framework, which include measures of quality, referral to treatment times, cancer, cardiac, delayed transfers of care, accident and emergency, ambulance response times, public health and mental health indicators
- All aspects of the National Health Service (NHS) in Wales, including contracts with the

primary care contractor professionals, other than (i) oversight of the medical professions; (ii) policy on surrogacy, xenotransplantation, embryology and human genetics; and (iii) licensing of medicines (these matters are not devolved)

- Delivery of the new outcome measures
- Delivery plans
- Scrutiny of NHS organisations' performance against their three-year plans (Integrated Medium-Term Plans)
- Oversight of the escalation procedures in the NHS
- Charges for NHS services, including prescription, dental and ophthalmic and optical charges
- The provision of services in Wales to the mentally ill
- Receipt of, response to and direction of reports from, the Health Care Inspectorate for Wales
- Oversight of the Wales Audit Office's activities so far as relating to the National Health Service in Wales
- Research and Development in health and social care
- Medical workforce training and development, with the exception of years 1-5 University education for doctors.

Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs -  
Lesley Griffiths AM

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs is responsible for:

- National strategy and policy for Natural Resources Management, including oversight and implementation of the Environment (Wales) Act and Natural Resources Wales
- Cross-cutting measures of mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change, including water, land drainage, flood and coastal risk, and control of marine and air pollution
- National strategy and policy for water
- Sustainable resource and waste management in Wales
- Energy policy including small-medium scale energy production, domestic energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of fuel poverty
- Access to the countryside, coast and rights of way and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks
- Biodiversity policy, including implementation of the Nature Recovery Plan
- Forestry policy and legislation, including re-stocking, tree health and forest reproductive material
- Inland, coastal and sea fisheries: policy regulation and enforcement, including Common Fisheries Policy and the management of fishery harbours
- Marine and fresh water planning, biodiversity, conservation and licensing
- Oversight and implementation of the Planning Acts, all aspects of planning policy and the determination of called-in planning applications and appeals and compulsory purchase orders
- Planning gain – Section 106 Agreements contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Developments of National Significance: determination of planning applications and connected consents
- All aspects of Building Regulations
- Wales Spatial Plan and the National Development Framework
- Strategic lead on allotments and urban green infrastructure
- Local Environment Quality, including litter, fly-tipping, noise policy and regulation
- The Rural Development Programme
- Common Agricultural Policy Direct Payments and responsibility for cross-compliance
- Agriculture sector development, including wages and skills
- Developing agri-food sector, associated supply chains, promotion and marketing of food and drink from Wales
- Animal health and welfare

- Bovine TB Eradication Plan
- Policy on livestock, artificial insemination, poultry, companion animals, equines, and bees
- Livestock identification and movement policy
- Holding Registration Policy (CPH)
- The protection and management of wildlife in Wales, including control of pests, injurious weeds and vermin and the regulation of plant health, seeds and pesticides
- Genetically Modified crops
- The power to require provision of information about crop prices
- Best and Most Versatile Land policy, mineral site restoration advice and Agricultural Land Classification and implementation of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations.

The Leader of the House and Chief Whip - Jane Hutt AM

The Leader of the House and Chief Whip is responsible for:

- Manage Government Business in the Assembly in line with Standing Orders
- Delivery of the weekly Business Statement
- Represent the Government in Business Committee
- Liaison with other Parties on the Government's Legislative Programme (but not individual Bills which remain the responsibility of the lead Cabinet Secretary).

Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children - Carl Sargeant AM

The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children is responsible for:

- Children's and young people's rights and entitlements, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Children's Commissioner for Wales
- Childcare
- Legislation relating to the removal of the defence of Reasonable Chastisement
- Flying Start Initiative for children 0-3
- Families First and play policies
- Adoption and fostering services in Wales
- Children and young people's advocacy, including complaints, representations and advocacy under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
- Information sharing under the Children Act 2004
- The Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (CAFCASS)
- Communities First
- Welfare reform
- Financial inclusion, including credit unions
- Regeneration, including Strategic Regeneration Areas; legacy regeneration; and provision of sites and premises, derelict land and environmental improvements relating to regeneration
- The housing and housing-related activities of Local Authorities and housing associations, including housing management and the allocation of social and affordable housing
- Supply and quality of market, social and affordable housing
- Homelessness and housing advice
- Matters relating to housing provided by the private rented sector, including regulation of registered social landlords
- Aids and adaptations, including Disabled Facilities Grants and Physical Adaptation Grants
- The provision of housing-related support (but not the payment of Housing Benefit)
- The regulation of commercial tenancies let by Local Authorities
- Equality, covering the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 and human rights in relation to UN and EU Conventions
- Co-ordination of issues relating to Gypsies and Travellers, asylum-seekers, immigration, migrant workers and community cohesion (except where they relate specifically to other portfolios and counter terrorism measures)

- Crime and Justice policy, including Youth Justice
- Community Safety, including relations with the Police and Crime Commissioners, Police and other Criminal Justice Agencies, civil contingencies, resilience and counter-terrorism issues
- The Fire and Rescue Services, including community fire safety
- Lead on policy in relation to the Armed Forces in Wales and Veterans
- Anti-slavery, domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence
- The Voluntary Sector and Volunteering
- Lead responsibility for monitoring Post Office and Royal Mail matters in Wales.

#### Cabinet Secretary for Education - Kirsty Williams AM

The Cabinet Secretary for Education is responsible for:

- School governance, organisation, and admissions
- School standards, improvement and pupil attainment, including National Categorisation
- Estyn work programme remit
- Funding of schools
- Current school curriculum, assessment and qualifications, 3-19 and the Welsh Baccalaureate
- Development and implementation of future curriculum and assessment
- Safeguarding and inclusion in schools, including internet safety
- Complaints against Local Education Authorities and school governing bodies
- Delivery and management of 21st Century Schools and education programme
- Sponsorship of Qualifications Wales
- Higher Education policy, strategy and funding, including sponsorship of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW); tuition fee and student finance policy (including repayments) including sponsorship of the Student Loans Company (SLC) functions as they apply to Wales
- Education workforce training and development, including initial teacher training
- Medical education (years 1-5 University training for doctors).

#### Counsel General - Mick Antoniw AM

The Counsel General's responsibilities, including his statutory responsibilities set out under the Government of Wales Act 2006, are to:

- Provide legal advice to the Government
- Oversee the work of the Legal Services Department which provides legal services to the Welsh Government
- Oversee prosecutions on behalf of the Welsh Government
- Oversee representation of the Welsh Government in the courts
- Consider whether Bills passed by the Assembly need to be referred to the Supreme Court for determination as to whether they are within the Assembly's competence (exercised independently of government)
- Answer questions about his/her work in the Assembly
- Perform other functions in the public interest including, where the Counsel General considers it appropriate, institute, defend or appear in any legal proceedings relating to functions of the Welsh Government (exercised independently of government).

#### Minister for Social Services and Public Health - Rebecca Evans

The Minister for Social Services and Public Health is responsible for:

- Policy and oversight of the provision of all social services activities of local authorities in Wales, including the issue of statutory guidance
- Policy on care in the community

- Oversight of the Care Council for Wales
- Regulation of residential, domiciliary, adult placements, foster care, under 8's care provision and private healthcare in Wales
- Inspection of, and reporting on, the provision of social services by local authorities in Wales (via the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales), including joint reviews of social services and responding to reports
- The Older People's Commissioner for Wales
- Public Health Wales Bill
- All aspects of public health and health protection in Wales, including food safety and the fluoridation of drinking water
- National strategy and policy for community sport, physical activity and active recreation in Wales, including sponsorship of the Sports Council for Wales
- Promotion of walking and cycling, including the Active Travel (Wales) Act
- The activities of the Food Standards Agency in Wales;
- Genetically-modified food (but not the cultivation of genetically-modified crops)
- Responsibility for the Prison Service health service, other than private contracts
- Health impact of problem gambling
- Substance misuse
- Armed Forces and veterans' health.
- The Minister is responsible for the provision of social services in Wales including implementation of Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This includes safeguarding for adults and older people (including Adult Practice Reviews and Adult Protection and Support orders); assessment, eligibility and care planning; advocacy for adults; and carers and disabled people; historic child abuse (support for adult survivors). The Minister has oversight of all regulation and inspection, and legislative and policy changes for both children and adults.

Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language - Alun Davies AM

The Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language is responsible for:

- Early years
- Foundation Phase
- Youth work policy
- Additional learning needs, including needs of pupils with severe, complex and/or specific learning difficulties, disabled pupils, able and talented pupils
- People of all ages with Dyslexia
- Additional Learning Needs Bill
- Further Education
- Further Education (FE) student support: Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG FE)
- Revenue funding of 6th forms, Further Education colleges, adult community learning
- Development and Implementation of the Digital Learning Strategy
- Welsh medium and bilingual education
- Welsh Language, including oversight and coordination of general Welsh language policy, Ministerial functions emanating from the Welsh Language Act 1993 and the Welsh Language Commissioner
- Vocational, key and essential skills qualifications for all ages
- Implementation of the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales
- Prisoner learning
- Broadcasting Policy.

Minister for Skills and Science - Julie James AM

The Minister for Skills and Science is responsible for:

- Apprenticeship and Skillbuild policy and delivery

- Youth and adult employability policy and delivery, including Jobs Growth Wales, Essential Skills for Working Adults and the Skills Gateway
- Careers Policy and the sponsorship of Careers Choices Dewis Gyrfa (CCDG)
- Work based learning providers
- Sector skills including strategies, development funds and the Sector Skills Council
- Wales Employment and Skills Board and the Commission for Employment and Skills
- Workforce skills development, including the Wales Union Learning Fund core funding for Wales, TUC education and learning services
- Core funding for Chwarae Teg
- European programmes relating to skills and employment, except the EU Structural Funds
- Simplification and integration of business skills and business development services
- Science: development of science policy, including day to day liaison with the Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales and the National Science Academy
- Life Sciences
- Research and Innovation, including research and development, knowledge transfer and commercialisation; maximising research and innovation incomes; and Research Centres of Excellence
- Development, retention and attraction of higher level research students for Wales
- Maximisation of economic benefits of higher education research and development
- Digital infrastructure, including broadband and mobile
- Digital service transformation for the Welsh public sector
- Digital Inclusion.