Summary: Proposed changes to primary legislation in relation to social care and Continuing NHS Healthcare



What is this consultation about?

We want your views on proposed changes to primary legislation in relation to social care and Continuing NHS Healthcare.

We have published a <u>consultation document</u> that sets out the detail of the proposals and asks related questions. Please read the consultation document before considering your response.

Chapter 1 outlines legislation to support the commitment to eliminate profit from the care of children looked after. The initial focus of the proposals is on the private provision of residential care for children, alongside independent sector foster care.

The consultation sets out how this will help deliver on our wider vision to redesign how we look after children and young people, so we can do the best for them, their families and communities.

Chapter 2 proposes enabling access to Direct Payments for adults who are eligible for Continuing NHS Healthcare. This aims to further strengthen the voice and control of disabled and seriously ill adults and their carers, better supporting people to maintain their independence.

Chapter 3 considers whether the duties to report children and adults at risk of harm, abuse or neglect – within the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 – should be expanded to apply directly to individuals within relevant bodies. It invites views on whether this would better protect people in Wales from harm.

Chapters 4, 5 and 6 propose amendments to the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016. These intend to improve how Care Inspectorate Wales regulates and inspects services and how Social Care Wales supports and regulates the social care workforce. This includes extending the definition of 'social care worker' to include childcare and play workers.

How can I share my views with Welsh Government?

You can submit your response **by midnight on 7 November 2022**, in any of the following ways:

- Complete our online form
- Download, complete our consultation response form and email it to: SocialCareConsultation@gov.wales
 Please include the reference number
 WG45428 in the subject of your email.
- Download, complete our consultation response form and post to the address noted in the consultation document.

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of the consultation document are available on request

Responses to consultations may be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tell us.