

# Cymru Legislation: CP2

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## Social Services and Well Being (Wales ) Act 2014

Key changes to safeguarding under the Act

- The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act was implemented from 6 April 2016
- It replaces many previous laws and gives effect to the policy set out in *Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action*
- It brings in new duties and covers adults, children and carers

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## What is covered

Overarching duties and links to other parts of the Act

Part 7 of the Act: Well-being and vision for safeguarding

Adults Pathway

Safeguarding Boards

Children's Pathway

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## Well-being and overarching duties



*"The Act will transform the way social services are delivered, promoting people's independence to give them a stronger voice and control."*

You also need to follow the other overarching duties:

- Participation
- Dignity
- Views, wishes, feelings
- Culture

A person exercising functions under this Act **must** seek to promote the well-being of people. Well-being includes **protection from abuse and neglect**

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## Adults' pathway

The Act, statutory guidance and regulations explain how you must



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## Children's pathway

The Act, statutory guidance and regulations explain how you must



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### Recent Developments in safeguarding

- Prevent Agenda - The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> July 15 (supersedes 2011 guidance) re duty to Prevent under section 26.
- Radicalisation - from 1 July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years child care providers must have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism" – This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.

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### Recent Developments in safeguarding

- Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 - raised profile through creation of strategies to promote consistency and best practice:  
**Came into force on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015;**
- **Responsibility to ask & act**
- **All professionals in Cymru to be trained on recognising symptoms of DV and wider sexual related abuse such as FGM, Honour based crimes**
- Education (Wales) Act 2014 - introduced a new, more robust registration system for the whole education workforce.
- Social Services & Wellbeing Act 2014 - stronger powers to keep people safe from abuse and neglect .

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