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Future Generations Report

What we have done over the last 5 years



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About the Future Generations Report



This report was written by the **Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales**.



This report must be written every 5 years.



It tells **public bodies** what they need to do to help improve people's well-being.

Public bodies are organisations that get money from Welsh Government to run services for people in Wales. For example the NHS and fire and rescue services.



Public Services Boards were set up in each area of Wales to help **public bodies** work together.



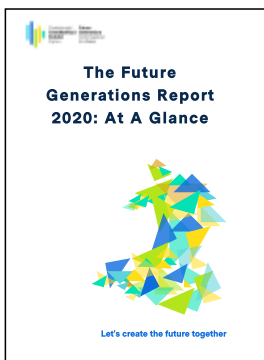
Public Services Boards make sure **public bodies** work together to improve well-being in Wales.



This report talks about all the good work that has been done.



But also how things could be better.



This is an easy read version of our report called **The Future Generations Report 2020: At A Glance**. This is a shorter version of our main report.

Making sure the law is followed

Part 1: Making changes in public services



The work we do is based on a law called **The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act**. We will call this **the Act** in this document.



The Act is about improving the well-being of the people of Wales.



We think **public bodies** need to think about making big changes to how they work. And work better with others.



Making changes that last can take a long time.

Public bodies should:



- Plan for the future and work with other organisations and people in their community.



- Write good plans that help improve people's well-being.



- Make sure people have the chance to be fully involved in their work.



- Check their work.



- Work with people to find out about problems before they happen.



- Work together better to help make sure the well-being plans are met.



- Make it clear how they will meet the well-being goals.



- Show how well-being plans will work with funding and finance plans.



- Show how they are thinking about **the Act** in all of their plans.



- Make sure their work makes the biggest difference.



- Have a set amount of money for improving well-being.



- Support staff to be more involved.



- Make sure staff have the right training to carry out checks of the work.



- Make sure children and young people can get involved.



- Think about the future and try to prevent problems from happening.



- Check how well work on the well-being goals is going.



- Make sure enough changes happen in order to make a real difference to the well-being of people in the future.

Where are we now?



Some very important changes have been made by different **public bodies** because of **the Act**.



For example, Monmouthshire Council have started a **solar farm**. This is where special panels turn energy from the sun into electricity.



This will help improve the **environment**. So it is good for people's health and well-being.

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air, and everything that lives in and on it. For example: plants, animals and fish.



Organisations are also working together a lot more.



But the next step is for them to share **resources**.

Resources are useful things we have or things we own. For example, buildings, vehicles, information, money and staff.



Also, more people need to have the chance to be involved in the work of **public bodies**.



People's well-being and being kind to one another must be an important part of all plans.



Most **public bodies** are following **the Act**. But more work needs to be done now to follow **the Act** more fully.



There are some reasons that have made it more difficult for **public bodies** to make changes. For example, because they do not have enough funding.



Welsh Government needs to work differently to make it easier for **public bodies** to report on their work.



They need to think more about long-term plans and changes.



Public bodies are making changes but they are not happening across all of their services. This needs to improve.



Public bodies are thinking more about their long-term plans for the future. But more work needs to be done here.



And more work needs to be done to help stop problems from happening.



Public Services Boards are working together more than ever before.



But more work needs to be done to work together better.



More work could be done to involve the staff of **public bodies**. And to make sure they can make a difference.

Part 2: The role of Welsh Government in making sure the Act is followed



Welsh Government plays a big part in what other organisations do. **Public bodies** will follow what the Welsh Government does.

Welsh Government needs to:



- Lead the way so others can follow.



- Make it easier to follow **the Act**.



- Be willing to work in new ways.



- Look into using funding just for well-being.



- Set an example to be kind.



- Work to stop problems happening in the first place. And find ways to solve difficult problems.



- Make a long-term plan for Welsh public services.



- Provide more funding to make sure **the Act** can be carried out.



- Check how well services are doing by looking at well-being.



- Give guidelines to **public bodies** so they can work together more to make sure well-being is improved.



Where are we now?

A lot of work has been done to make **the Act** happen. But a lot more needs to be done.



For example, the First Minister, Mark Drakeford decided to scrap plans to build the M4 Relief Road. This supports **the Act**.



Changes in the education system have looked more at well-being.



The building of new homes in Wales are now based more on people's well-being.



In the past year Welsh Government has done a lot of work to help with the **environment**.



For example, like helping more people to use **electric vehicles** in Wales. Electric vehicles are things like cars that use electric instead of petrol or diesel.



And supporting people to look after nature in their community.



There is a lot more Welsh Government could be doing. For example, the rules for funding could be better.



Welsh Government also needs to think more about putting **kindness** at the centre of all the work they do. Like the Scottish Government.

Carrying out the Act



Welsh Government has made new rules and laws which think about **the Act**.



But they do not realise how much work it takes to carry them out in real life.



More funding is needed here.



Also, Welsh Government are not doing enough work with **Public Services Boards**. They need to work with them more.



Welsh Government needs to think about the kind of language and words used in **the Act**. They need to use the same kind of language and words in all their work.



When Welsh Government give funding, they need to check they have thought about **the Act**.

Working together



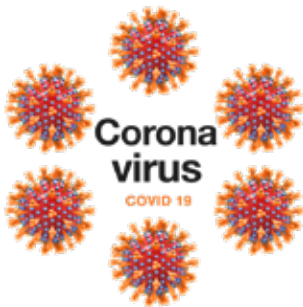
Welsh Government needs to think more about the future. And the kind of government and public services Wales will need in the future.



Welsh Government does understand the importance of public services working together much more than before.



Work needs to be done to show how this will happen in real life.



Lots of services have worked well together during coronavirus. This way of working needs to carry on.



Services need to work together to make sure the best ways to solve problems are found. And to stop problems happening in the first place.



We would like Welsh Government to have a **Minister of Prevention** to do this kind of work. This is a new role that we think Welsh Government should have.



Some good work between public services is happening. For example, health and education are working together to improve mental health for children.



But sometimes it is difficult for different departments to work together because of how they are organised.

Part 3: Well-being goals



In Wales there are 7 well-being goals. And all public services should be working towards achieving them.

The 7 goals are about making improvements to things like:



- Health
- The **environment**
- Equality
- Communities



Some progress has been made by **public bodies** in all of the goals.



But sometimes it is not clear what is being done by them.



Public bodies are thinking more about how they can meet the goals.



Overall, **public bodies** need to think much more about how to use the well-being goals to make big changes. Not just easy changes.



What happens next?

The coronavirus has had a big impact on people everywhere in the world.



And it has affected this report coming out and the plans in it.



Public bodies will not be able to reply to this report straightaway because of this.



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But the Welsh Government need to make sure the advice in this report is followed up.



This report talks about all the work that has been done in the past 4 years and what needs to happen next.



It should be used to guide the work of all **public bodies** in Wales.



The report will be used to check the work of **public bodies**.



It is important to make sure that the people of Wales and organisations continue to be involved in all this work.



And to support **public bodies** to follow the advice in this report.



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