

NATIONAL VISION

INFANTS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

A healthier and more equal Wales





NATIONAL ACTION PLAN



ENABLERS

WE WILL...

Set up strong leadership and encourage new ideas for working

Collect and share our data to help inform and improve services

Give staff access to the training they need to support individuals with a learning disability

Continue talking to families and sharing stories of good practice



PRINCIPLES OF CARE

WE WILL...

Continue working together and learning from each other on how best to support people with a learning disability

Encourage collaboration in all decision making

Ensure everyone has equal access to support and that it is offered in their preferred language (such as Welsh)

Make transitions smoother by helping services to connect



SYSTEM STEWARDS

WE WILL...

Keep reviewing policies to continue making things better

Make sure funding is protected for learning disability services

Monitor services to make sure they are providing the right support



Our National Vision for Helping Infants, Children, and Young People in Wales

The Welsh Government is committed to improving the lives of children and young people with a learning disability, ensuring they are happy and healthy now and in the future. We believe health, education, and social care should collaborate to support children and young people to recognise their rights and involve them in decisions that affect their lives.



Our Journey

Our journey started with the Learning Disability Strategic Action Plan (2022-2026) which wanted:

“To provide a consistent, accessible, and easily understood, Wales-wide approach to children’s services across the public sector and improve all aspects of transition services.”

To do this, we listened to people across Wales including families, professionals, and young people about the challenges and wishes for the future of services. Key themes like feeling valued, included, and connected emerged and helped to shape the vision.

Our elements that informed it are:

- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act (2014)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
- NEST/NYTH framework
- "Don't Hold Back" report

Together, we aim to make Wales a place where differences are celebrated, and every child's voice matters.

Please share your thoughts with us via our survey [here](#)