



Statutory guidance

Joint area plans must focus on the integrated services planned in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment. As part of this, joint area plans must include the actions partners will take in relation to the priority areas of integration for regional partnership boards.

There are specific mentions in the Statutory Guidance around the development of specific actions for;

- ◆ Prevention
- ◆ Information, advice and assistance
- ◆ Welsh language
- ◆ Duty to promote social enterprises, co-operatives, user led services and the third sector

You are expected to develop actions in line with the above bullet points, where possible. In line with section 15 of the *Social Services and Wellbeing Act*, you will need to look particularly at preventative actions to demonstrate how you intend to deliver on that duty. You should also describe any actions taken as a result of the population assessment in relation to Welsh language services. There is a section in the template for you to describe where actions meet requirements of the Act (core theme chapters: 2.6)

Developing actions

You will be developing specific actions in response to your priorities. A table for recording action is provided in the template plan, including an example action. As a minimum, you will be expected to provide a summary of the services or other actions you will be undertaking. As with the regional priorities, these must link to and be informed by the needs identified in the population assessment.

Remember: Consider the options for preventative actions and actions that develop and inform information, advice and assistance provision in your area.

There may also be specific local solutions to regional priorities, so state clearly where there are differences in actions at a local level. This can be included in the table 2.10 (how we will deliver) in the template plan. There are a few key questions to ask yourself when setting actions for the regional priorities.

Reflective questions

- ◆ Have I reviewed the information gathered on the range and level of services identified in the population assessment before agreeing the action?
- ◆ Do I need to respond with a new service or are there opportunities to streamline or align my existing provision?
- ◆ Do I need to respond with a service development or can this be addressed through other means, e.g. developing regional framework or strategy/further investigation to understand a gap in provision?
- ◆ Are my actions SMART and do they reflect the outcome we want to achieve?
- ◆ Has my population assessment shown me there is a need for different actions at a local level to achieve the regional priority?
- ◆ Have I developed any preventative actions?



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