**SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT**

**CASE STUDY**

**Aled**

Aled is aged 21 and has bipolar disorder. He lives with his Dad, Gareth, a widower. Aled’s condition is reasonably stable at the current time due to medication, but there are periods when his condition deteriorates, particularly when he is not taking his medication properly. Gareth feels he constantly has to monitor Aled’s medication and provide emotional support. So some months ago he decided to give up his job at a local IT company. Both Aled and Gareth feel under financial pressure and socially isolated.

1. What things might you need to consider when deciding whether to combine Aled and Gareth’s assessments?