**Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016**

**Frequently asked questions about inspection of and reporting by local authorities**

1. **How will the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 affect reporting by Directors of Social Services?**

The Act will mean that local authorities will publish annual reports on how they have carried out their social services functions in a new, consistent reporting template. This should make it easier for people to make comparisons across local authorities.

1. **How will the inspection regime for local authority social services functions change?**

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) has implemented new arrangements for their engagement and performance review of local authority social services functions under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This includes:

* A comprehensive system for engaging with elected members and officers to regularly monitor performance through Performance Review Meetings
* A core inspection programme where CSSIW inspects key areas of adult and children’s services focusing on well-being outcomes and improvement, and
* A new inspection framework built around the six quality standards that represent people’s well-being under the 2014 Act

For more information, visit [cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/?lang=en](http://cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/?lang=en)

1. **What are the implications of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 for local authority fostering services?**

Fostering services are part of a local authority’s social services functions. Local authority fostering services are not required to register with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) under the Care Standards Act 2000 or the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016. However, CSSIW will continue to monitor local authority fostering services under its powers to review and inspect local authority social services functions.