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

**Frequently asked questions   
about Social Care Wales**

1. **What is Social Care Wales?**

From April 2017, the Care Council for Wales will be renamed Social Care Wales and take up new responsibilities for improving the quality of social care services. In addition to workforce regulation and development, Social Care Wales will bring leadership to the drive for strategic improvement and adopt a collaborative ‘all sector’ approach, both of which are recognised across the sector as major changes for social care.

[There is a useful overview of what Social Care Wales will do here](http://www.ccwales.org.uk/what-social-care-wales-will-do/).

1. **What will be Social Care Wales’s role?**

Social Care Wales will be a Welsh Government Sponsored Body with responsibility for regulating and developing the social care workforce, and for improving the sector throughout Wales.

[You can find a useful checklist of what Social Care Wales will do (once established), in addition to what the Care Council for Wales does now, here](http://www.ccwales.org.uk/what-social-care-wales-will-do/).

1. **Will Social Care Wales advise the Welsh Government on policy areas that could have a positive impact on the social care workforce?**

Social Care Wales will be responsible for leading improvement in social care. This means it will need to work closely with the sector to identify what needs to be done to improve outcomes for individuals using care and support and how best to make that happen.

Social Care Wales, like the Care Council currently, will have a close working relationship with the Welsh Government and will have a broad role in providing it with advice.

1. **Where can I find out more about the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016?**

These FAQs are part of a suite of awareness-raising materials about the Act. [Additional resources can be found here](http://www.ccwales.org.uk/risc-act-learning-resources/).