

# How the work of Social Care Wales will support the delivery of Ymlaen

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An overview of our activities that will contribute to the delivery of [Ymlaen](#).

Social Care Wales is already committed to carrying out work that will contribute to the delivery of [Ymlaen](#).

These actions are listed in our draft business plan for 2023 to 2024.

Here, we've grouped some of those activities against the five main themes included in Ymlaen – the new research, innovation and improvement strategy for social care.

## Set direction

- Work with partners to develop [a strategy for research, innovation and improvement](#).
- Manage and administer the Social Care Wales Workforce Development Programme (SCWWDP) grant and regional facilitation grant.
- Work with and support partners on the elimination of profit agenda in residential children's services as part of the transformation of children's services agenda.
- Deliver a project to [explore the data maturity of local authorities](#) and their readiness to link with the [National Data Resource](#).
- Develop and promote our innovation offer.

## Connect

- Work with people across the sector to deliver the [2024 Accolades](#) award ceremony, which recognises the achievements of people working in social

care.

- Coordinate and deliver the National Leadership Development Framework.
- Support people with workforce insights by bringing together our workforce data and research and running regular events to share our findings.
- Develop [communities](#), both online and offline, that give people a chance to connect, learn and work together on shared challenges.
- Translate research and data into formats appropriate to our audiences.
- Act as an ambassador for [ADR Wales](#), the [SAIL Databank](#) and data linkage with stakeholders, and support the delivery of linked data research projects.

## Enable

- Implement actions from the [Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan](#).
- Work with employers and key stakeholders to develop positive bilingual workplace cultures, and work with the [National Centre for Learning Welsh](#) to develop Welsh language courses which are specific to social care.
- Launch enhancements of the new version of the [National Social Care Data Portal for Wales](#).
- Design a deliberative engagement exercise with Welsh Government and [Digital Health and Care Wales](#) on the use of data in health and care.
- Develop new online content to support innovation, improvement and related activity.
- Develop learning events and resources to enhance workforce skills in relation to the delivery of therapeutic models in residential children's care.

## Support

- Introduce initiatives to support the well-being of the workforce as part of the promotion and review of our health and well-being framework.
- Provide support to employers and learning providers with the ongoing implementation of the health and social care qualifications.
- Promote understanding and adoption of compassionate leadership.
- Work with [Health Education and Improvement Wales \(HEIW\)](#) to develop a joint site which supports health and social care managers in their professional development choices.
- Develop and publish, in partnership with HEIW, a collection of supporting training documents for use across the health and social care sector.
- Support and work with social work teams, providers and managers to embed strengths-based or outcomes-focused practice.
- Support the implementation of an information governance portal for social services in each local authority.
- Develop innovation skills and capabilities by providing [coaching](#) and evaluation support for people working in social care.
- Support communities through the Resourceful Communities Partnership project.

## Disrupt

- Continue to influence at national stakeholder groups with Welsh Government, employers, local authorities, regional partnership boards, [Welsh Local Government Association \(WLGA\)](#), third sector and [Care Inspectorate Wales \(CIW\)](#).
- Launch community of action to support local authority [Responsible Individuals](#) and service managers to challenge and agree practice development, in relation to the transformation of children's services agenda.

- Continue to implement our evidence offer with [Developing Evidence Enriched Practice \(DEEP\)](#) and explore ways of working.

Get in touch

Please contact [ymlaen@socialcare.wales](mailto:ymlaen@socialcare.wales) if you'd like to know more about any of the projects listed.

We'd also love to hear from you if you feel your organisation's work could help us deliver the strategy.