

Knowledge organiser Contemporary issues in providing care and support for children and young people (2.4.2)

There are some changes in Wales that you need to be aware of such as current living standards, maternal age, family structure, pollution, employment/unemployment and multiculturalism.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is the main piece of legislation that aims to improve care and support for future generations, along with 'A Healthier Wales: our plan for Health and Social Care'. This legislation and plan are the main areas which can affect childcare provision in Wales.

The nature of childcare is changing in Wales and this has an impact on childcare support and also current changes such as: increasing Flying Start Provision, 30 hours free childcare and Welsh language strategies. Staffing changes have implications on the sector – implications mean that something that can happen positively or negatively as a result. For example, increasing Flying Start Provision may result in greater wider opportunities but greater stress/responsibility on the workforce.

There are also some social policies which affect childcare provision; it is important to realise that the 'Active Offer' must be offered. For example, Welsh speakers have the right to speak in their own language and they should not have to ask for this.

There are also several 'principles' that the 'A Healthier Wales' plan lays out to drive positive change in the health, social and childcare sectors. Here's a useful acronym to remember some of these: 'SIPPETS'.

**S - SAFETY
I - INDEPENDENCE
P - PREVENTION
P - PERSONALISED
E - EVIDENCE DRIVEN
T - TRANSFORMATIVE
S - SCALABLE**



The initiative 'A Healthier Wales: our plan for Health and Social Care' has a quadruple aim; the acronym 'MAVIE' can be used to remember these aims.

M-Motivated and sustainable health, social and childcare workforce.

A-Accessible and quality services – this links to the 'provision of Welsh language services at your setting'.

V-Value is higher in the sectors.

I-Improving the populations 'well-being'.

The above are the four aims – however, these aims should be evaluated and consider whether these aims make Wales a healthier place.