

A pragmatic approach to public services reform

supporting and enabling social enterprises to provide care services

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Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act **talks about promoting social enterprises, co-operatives, user led services** **and the third sector, prevention, intervention.**

Section 16 of the Act - A local authority must promote

- a. the development in its area of social enterprises to provide care and support and preventative services;
- b. the development in its area of co-operative organisations or arrangements to provide care and support and preventative services;
- c. the involvement of persons for whom care and support or preventative services are to be provided in the design and operation of that provision;
- d. the availability in its area of care and support and preventative services from third sector organisations (whether or not the organisations are social enterprises or cooperative organisations).

Fundamental Principles

1. “A people Model” basis
2. The promotion of well-being
3. Increasing Voice and Control
4. Collaboration and Integration
5. A focus on prevention and early intervention
6. Stronger national direction with clear local accountability

Work to date

- Department for Health & Social Services
 - Technical Groups
 - Putting people at the centre
 - Awareness raising conference
 - Learning pilots
 - Commissioning & Procurement Masterclasses
- Worked or working with
 - Herefordshire, Powys, Blaenau Gwent, Flintshire
 - Commitment to RCT Voluntary Sector Liaison committee supporting the Community Asset & Service Transfer programme
- Talking with
 - Blaenau Gwent & Pembrokeshire

Solva Care

- Volunteer pilot project (Community based community led)
- Explore the creation of a local care company to provide care for those who need it
- 85% response to community questionnaire



- 100 people expressed interest & commitment to a community volunteer scheme
- Financing the scheme – financial modelling
- Making links with Pembrokeshire County Council
- What happens next?

Beacons Creative Wales Ltd.

- The transition of a traditional day service to a stand alone Social Firms (enterprise)

‘The Dream’

To have a new social enterprise that creates a business model that provides paid employment, for people furthest from the labour market and opportunities to participate. To be valued in civil society.

- The journey
- Social benefits of an alternative delivery model
- Cost benefit to the local authority

Feedback received from the Wales Audit Office in relation to a Re-Shaping Services with the Public Shared Learning Seminar

“excellent example of how Beacons Creative is producing outcomes that really matter for the public”



The next 12-months

- 2nd phase of work with the Department for Health & Social Services
- Continue commitment with Flintshire County Council
- Continue commitment to RCT Voluntary Sector Liaison supporting the Community Asset & Service Transfer programme
- Maximising on new procurement legislation to support alternative models of service delivery

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