

NORTH WALES SOCIAL VALUE FORUM STEERING GROUP



BACKGROUND

Part 2, Section 16 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 places a duty upon Local Authorities, with Local Health Board partners, to: *“establish regional forums to support social value based providers to develop a shared understanding of the common agenda, and to share and develop good practice. The aim of this forum is to encourage a flourishing social value sector which is able and willing to fulfil service delivery opportunities”*

In summary the Act requires a Local Authority to promote:

- The development of social enterprises and co-operative organisations in its area to provide care & support and preventative services;
- The involvement of persons for whom care and support or preventative service are to be provided in the design and operation of that provision;
- 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 co-operative organisations)

A regional Steering Group was established in North Wales in 2016 to support Local Authorities and partners with the delivery of the requirements through:

- Promoting the development of not for private profit organisations (including social enterprises, co-operative organisations, co-operative arrangements, user led service and the third sector) to provide care and support and support for carers, and preventative services.
- Promoting collaboration with an aim of maximising social value and co-production across all providers delivering health, social care and/or well-being services in North Wales.
- Promoting partnership and networking opportunities across sectors
- Identifying and sharing good practice; influencing practice development and innovative approaches with commissioners and procurement departments to commission and procure services which deliver social value.

GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Steering Group are accountable to the Regional Partnership Board and provide the Partnership Board with 6-monthly activity reports

A working definition of ‘Social Value’ has been agreed to support local Forum development across North Wales:

WHO is included in the social value sector?

The social value sector is made of those people, organisations, networks, fora and others who see increasing well-being for people and communities as their core purpose, and re-invest most of all of any profit into the production of well-being.

WHAT does the social value sector produce that distinguishes it from others?

Social value is the relative worth, or importance that people and communities place on changes to their well-being. The social value sector’s primary products are social, environmental, and economic well-being across communities and in individual lives, over and above the direct production of goods and services.

HOW does the social value sector produce its outcomes?

The sector produces social value through coproduction; practitioners and people working together as equal partners to plan and deliver services, based on principles which include:

- Recognising people as assets with a positive contribution to make to the design and operation of services;
- Empowering people to take responsibility for, and contribute to, their own well-being; ensuring practitioners work in partnership with people to achieve well-being outcomes at an individual and service level.

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