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| **TITLE** | **Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: Issue of codes of practice under the Act** |
| **DATE** | **18 December 2015** |
| **BY** | **Mark Drakeford, Minister for Health and Social Services** |

In November I laid seven codes of practice which will support local authorities in delivering their duties under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act, which will come in to force on 6 April 2016.  Today I am issuing those codes, alongside statutory guidance under Part 9 of the Act on collaboration and partnership working. At the same time, the statutory framework has been substantially completed with the making of the principal remaining regulations under the Act around charging and financial assessment, looked after and accommodated children and collaboration and partnership.

We are at an important moment in the future of a shared vision for social services in Wales: social services which are sustainable; focus on well-being outcomes; are more preventative in nature; delivered collaboratively and which promote the voice and control of the citizen.

We must now work together to put this approach to work.

<http://gov.wales/topics/health/socialcare/act/code-of-practice/?lang=en>

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep Members informed. Should Members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Assembly returns I would be happy to do so.

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