





Our vision

To make a positive difference to care and support in Wales for children, adults and their families and carers.

Our purpose

We provide national leadership and expertise in social care and early years. We lead on regulating and developing the social care workforce, service improvement and data and research to improve care.

The outcomes we want to achieve over the next five years

It is important we are clear on what we want to achieve and the differences and changes we would like to see between now and 2027.

These changes are set out in the following eight national outcomes:

Improved well-being for the social care and early years workforce	A registered workforce that has the public's confidence
A social care and early years workforce that is highly recognised and valued	A social care and early years workforce that is suitably qualified, knowledgeable and skilled with the right values, behaviours and practice
Social care and early years services that attract, recruit and retain people with the right values to meet the needs of those who need care and support	Social care practice and policy that is underpinned by innovation, high-quality research, data and other forms of evidence
Social care services that embed and deliver strengths-based approaches to care and support	Effective, high quality and sustainable services provided by Social Care Wales

Our five-year plan sets out in more detail why each outcome is important, how we will show change, and where we will focus our energy and commitment to work with you to realise our vision.

Go to www.socialcare.wales/about-us/what-we-do to find out more.

Social care and early years in Wales in numbers

One of the largest employers in Wales

Total employed in social care for adults	Number of people who work in the early	Total registered
and children	years and child care	
	sector	25 261
91,000		35,261
	17,000	
Numbers of workers registered by group		

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Domiciliary care managers	Domiciliary care workers	Social workers
975	20,003	6,566
Residential child care managers	Residential child care workers	Social work students
311	3,066	679
Adult care home managers	Adult care home workers	* registration mandatory from
1,333	2,306 * (out of an estimated 20,000 workers)	October 2022

Contribution to the economy:

£1.2bn a year direct contribution and £2.2bn overall*

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^{*}Figures from report into adult social care sector published in 2018

Social Care Wales – what we do



Develop the workforce so they have the knowledge and skills to protect, empower and support those who need help



Set standards for the care and support workforce, making them accountable for their work



Work with others to improve services



Set priorities for research and data to get evidence of what works well



Provide information for the public and other organisations



Share good practice with the workforce so they can provide the best response