**SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT**

**HANDOUT**

**Eligibility Criteria for Carers**

The first condition relates to the carer’s circumstances and is met if the need is one that arises as a result of providing care for either a disabled child or an adult who has needs arising from circumstances which are specified in the regulations:

* physical or mental ill-health;
* age;
* disability;
* dependence on alcohol or drugs; or
* other similar circumstances.

The second condition is met if the need relates to one or more of the outcomes specified in the regulations:

* ability to carry out self-care or domestic routines;
* ability to communicate;
* protection from abuse or neglect;
* involvement in work, education, learning or in leisure activities;
* maintenance or development of family or other significant personal relationships;
* development and maintenance of social relationships and involvement in the community; or
* in the case of an adult carer, fulfilment of caring responsibilities for a child;
* in the case of a child carer, achieving developmental goals.

The third condition is met if the need is such that the carer is not able to meet that need alone, with the support of others who are able and willing to provide that support, or with the assistance of services which the carer has access to.

The fourth condition is met if the carer is unlikely to achieve one or more of their personal outcomes unless i) the local authority provides or arranges support to the carer to meet the carer’s need, or ii) the local authority provides or arranges care and support to the person for whom the carer provides care, in order to meet the carer’s need, or iii) it enables the need to be met by making direct payments.