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# Introduction

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 introduces new requirements on local authorities and their partners, particularly with regard to partnership and collaboration under Part 9 of the Act. This includes the need to establish a Regional Partnership Board in each of seven regions across the country, each with a particular set of responsibilities and priorities. Terms   
of Reference for the Boards shows that they:

* Have a clear remit to be responsible for engaging with local citizens in relation to the delivery of the Act
* See their role as providing scrutiny and oversight of the implementation of the Act
* Provide the co-ordinated response to the regional strategic priorities through an effective regional leadership structure
* Have adopted a range of governance arrangements and structures as to how they will work collaboratively

Boards need to play a central role in ensuring that partners shared priorities are delivered and that they meet the requirements of the legislation for greater integration in key areas. Although it is not a requirement, for some Boards, a way of ensuring that they can do their job properly, and effectively scrutinise new plans, proposals and developments, is to have a shared common joint statement of strategic intent, which clearly describes where they wish to change, revise or develop their response to the needs of the population. This document outlines what a joint statement of strategic intent is, and how it might be developed.

What is a joint statement of strategic intent?

What are the key elements in a joint statement of strategic intent for a Regional Partnership Board?

What requirements of the Act need to be considered in the joint statement?

How can a joint statement of strategic intent fit with other planning activities and commitments?

In what areas might a Regional Partnership Board need to have   
a joint statement of strategic intent:

How might you develop a statement of strategic intent?