



# Guidance: Commissioning accommodation and support for a good life for people with a learning disability



Developing improved and progressive practice  
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# Background

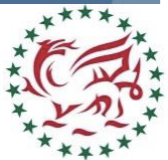
The Welsh National Commissioning Board (NCB) commissioned

Garland Independent Social Care Advice (GISCA-Independent Consultants)

To pull together commissioning and good practice guidance for support and accommodation models for people with a learning Disability.



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## Policy Context-

- Social Services and Well Being Act 2014(Wales)
- Welsh Government “Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme”
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Equality Act 2010
- Good practice



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- January -March 2019, all Wales representative editorial group from across all sectors in Commissioners, Support Providers, Housing Providers, Advocacy -People First, Unpaid carers and families groups
- I facilitated the group to co produced the guidance based on the principles of;

**A Values driven, rights based approach to provide practical solutions and good practice examples.**



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# The Guidance themes 1&2

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4 themes, twelve question and many good Welsh practice examples

## 1. Person centred pathway

Reflect, maintain and/or strengthen the assets of the person and their relationships. Involve the person, their unpaid carers and other key people equally in the design of accommodation and support.

## 2. Accommodation and support for a good life

Provide a full range of accommodation options from flats, home ownership, shared accommodation, private rented and shared accommodation with carers i.e. Shared Lives and

Provide good quality support which is person centred and based on PBS / Active Support approaches



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# The Guidance themes 3&4

## 3. Innovative and progressive procurement

Develop a range of creative options to procure services including direct payments and dynamic purchasing arrangements.

## 4. What is strategic commissioning?

The commissioning process should be driven by the ‘what matters’ conversations that take place between professionals, people and unpaid carers in terms of well-being personal outcomes. Strategic commissioning involves:

Understanding the accommodation and support needs of the population

Value for money



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# Next Steps

- Guidance was launched by Welsh Government in March 2019
- National event with representatives from all sectors
- Guidance was distributed to all stakeholders and relevant parties
- A review conference was planned for March 2020 to understand it's impact based on the results of a bench marking survey of stakeholders.
- In general, the guidance was well received but it was disappointing that some stakeholders had not seen it.
- Unfortunately the conference was postponed due to Corvid 19 but will be reconvened when appropriate
- Further work is required to raise the profile of the document.
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