



National Collaborative Arrangements for Welsh (local authority) Adoption and Fostering services: Well-being Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number: 1027

Brief description: That proposals for developing the governance arrangements for the National Adoption Service for Wales, as it assumes responsibility for Foster Wales, are adopted

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Responsible Service: Education & Children Services

Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? Any user of adoption or fostering services, including vulnerable children.

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? No

Summary and Conclusion

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

3 out of 4 stars

Actual score : 28 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The proposal is grant funded until 2023, negotiations are ongoing with Welsh Government regarding the funding of the NAS and FW beyond this date. The NAS and FW aims to support adoptive parents and foster carers across Wales, ensuring access to support, advice and training to prevent placement breakdowns. We aim to support children closer to the own community and prevent their being placed at a distance from their support network.

Prevention

This proposal is in relation to governance of Foster Wales, it has neutral impact on the environment. Foster Wales brings together all 22 authorities ensuring that fostering services are consistent and valued across Wales. Encouraging local communities to foster vulnerable children will ensure that children are cared for and supported within their own community, increasing the likelihood of a return to birth family.

Integration

Foster Wales has emerged from a national project and will support a defined range of fostering functions linked to recruitment and retention of local authority foster carers. Throughout this time, the WLGA and ADSS as lead bodies wanted the national functions for fostering to be linked to the National Adoption Service national functions to reduce duplication and costs as well as to maximise

resilience, flexibility and longevity across both functions.

Collaboration

The National Adoption Service and Foster Wales is a national collaboration of all 22 Local Authorities, the governance arrangements have been developed with partner agencies, including 3rd sector.

Involvement

The National Adoption Service has a proven record of using stakeholder views to shape service delivery, the Adoption Barometer is an example of this. The development of Foster Wales has utilised the views of both foster carers and children looked after. The governance of these initiatives will include ongoing engagement with citizens and service users.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Neutral
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Neutral
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Neutral

Main conclusions

This proposal will have a positive effect on a Healthier Denbighshire and a Denbighshire of cohesive communities. As this proposal is around the local governance of a national service these are the expected outcomes and match the outcomes stated by partner LA's.

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal is in regard of the governance of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales. Keeping children within their community, which is a goal, will help reduce carbon emissions by reducing staff travel but this is a by product and not a main aim.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

[TEXT HERE]

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

[TEXT HERE]

Economic development

[TEXT HERE]

Quality skills for the long term

[TEXT HERE]

Quality jobs for the long term

Increased number of local foster carers.

Childcare

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

[TEXT HERE]

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

[TEXT HERE]

Economic development

[TEXT HERE]

Quality skills for the long term

[TEXT HERE]

Quality jobs for the long term

[TEXT HERE]

Childcare

[TEXT HERE]

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal is in regard of the governance of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

[TEXT HERE]

Biodiversity in the built environment

[TEXT HERE]

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

[TEXT HERE]

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Children being placed closer to home with reduce the need for staff travel.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

[TEXT HERE]

Flood risk management

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

[TEXT HERE]

Biodiversity in the built environment

[TEXT HERE]

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

[TEXT HERE]

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

[TEXT HERE]

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

[TEXT HERE]

Flood risk management

[TEXT HERE]

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

National Adoption Service and Foster Wales will provide bespoke emotional and behavioural support to foster carers, adoptive parents and vulnerable children/young people. This will be provided on a crisis and preventative basis.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

[TEXT HERE]

Access to good quality, healthy food

[TEXT HERE]

People's emotional and mental well-being

Timely support for adopters, foster carers and vulnerable children.

Access to healthcare

[TEXT HERE]

Participation in leisure opportunities

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

[TEXT HERE]

Access to good quality, healthy food

[TEXT HERE]

People's emotional and mental well-being

[TEXT HERE]

Access to healthcare

[TEXT HERE]

Participation in leisure opportunities

[TEXT HERE]

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal is in regard of the governance of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

[TEXT HERE]

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

[TEXT HERE]

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

[TEXT HERE]

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

[TEXT HERE]

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

[TEXT HERE]

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

[TEXT HERE]

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

[TEXT HERE]

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The proposal seeks to strengthen support services and ensure that children and their carers are well supported within their localities.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

This proposal will support vulnerable children within Denbighshire.

Community participation and resilience

Adoptive parents, foster carers and children will shape the service and support offered.

The attractiveness of the area

[TEXT HERE]

Connected communities

The service will enable children to be cared for within their own community and strengthen support services available locally.

Rural resilience

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

[TEXT HERE]

Community participation and resilience

[TEXT HERE]

The attractiveness of the area

[TEXT HERE]

Connected communities

[TEXT HERE]

Rural resilience

[TEXT HERE]

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal is in regard of the governance of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

[TEXT HERE]

Promoting the Welsh language

[TEXT HERE]

Culture and heritage

One of the aims of Foster Wales is to keep children in their own community, thereby protecting their cultural identity.

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

[TEXT HERE]

Promoting the Welsh language

[TEXT HERE]

Culture and heritage

[TEXT HERE]

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The proposal is in regard of the governance of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.

Further actions required

Continue to review as the service develops.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

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Human rights

[TEXT HERE]

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

[TEXT HERE]

Reducing climate change

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

[TEXT HERE]

Human rights

[TEXT HERE]

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

[TEXT HERE]

Reducing climate change

[TEXT HERE]