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Dear Colleagues

CONSULTATION ON HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELL-BEING STRATEGIES DRAFT GUIDANCE, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP INTERIM GUIDANCE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING GUIDANCE

You will be aware that the number of strategies and plans required by the Welsh Assembly Government from local government and the NHS was reduced following a plan rationalisation exercise in 2005.

Since then, it has become clear that there is further scope for simplifying the planning requirements. Attached are draft guidance documents relating to the Health, Social Care & Well-Being Strategies and the planning round involving the Children And Young People's Plans which are due to come into effect in April 2011.

In response to representations from the NHS and local government, both sets of guidance and the consultation and implementation process have been better aligned. The language, style and philosophy of the two sets of guidance have been brought together, both focusing on better outcomes for the local population by using a common set of planning principles.

We also attach summary guidance for preparing community strategies and planning which has been fully consulted on already but we include it here given the close links that will be required between the three plans.



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We invite you to comment on both the draft guidance documents. Information about how to respond to consultation can be found at the following address:
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/?lang=en>


This new approach and both sets of draft guidance have been approved by Ministers. We encourage colleagues to take this opportunity to engage in developing integrated strategies and plans, working with all local partners and especially the third sector.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

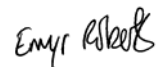
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