**Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act**

**Partnership working**
- Partnership Boards will be established
- Local Authorities and Health Boards will need to work in partnership to ensure resources are available and effectively utilised

**Principles of the Act**
- **People** - putting the individual at the centre by giving them a stronger voice and control over services they receive
- **Well-being** - supporting people to achieve their own well-being building on a person’s circumstances, capabilities, networks and communities
- **Earlier intervention** - more preventative services, supporting people before their needs become critical
- **Working together** - stronger partnership working between all parties involved

**Assessing the area**
- Health Boards and Local Authorities will together assess the care and support needs of the population in their area
- They will:
  - Also assess how many carers need support
  - Determine where needs are not being met
  - Decide what services are needed

**Assessing the person**
- Individual assessments by organisations such as Local Authorities, Health Boards and NHS Trusts can be carried out at the same time
- These assessments can be completed by one body on behalf of others

**Safeguarding**
- If there is reasonable cause to suspect an adult or child is at risk, this must be reported to the Local Authority

**How will the Act affect those who work in health?**

**Co-operating**
- Local Authorities will co-operate with partners to improve well-being, the quality of care and support, and safeguarding
- Health Boards will be required to co-operate with Local Authorities to improve well-being