

2.3.1. (d) The Welsh language and Welsh culture

It is important to recognise and support the Welsh language and Welsh culture.

Current legislation and national policies for the Welsh language include:

Cymraeg 2050: the Welsh Language Strategy

This strategy has three strategic aims:

1. Increase the number of Welsh speakers.
2. Increase the use of Welsh.
3. Create favourable conditions (infrastructure and context) for the Welsh language.

'More than just words'

This is the follow-on strategic framework for Welsh language services in health, social services and social care. Its aim is to build on the original strategy to strengthen Welsh language services in health, social services and social care. The intention is to enable Welsh speakers to receive services in their first language, so that they are empowered to actively participate in their care.

The 'Active Offer' information pack

The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that the Welsh language is as visible as the English language, removing the responsibility from the service user for having to ask for a service through the medium of Welsh. This links to Welsh Government guidelines and legislation on the Welsh language, for example the Welsh Language Strategic Framework (More than just words) and the role of the Welsh Language Commissioner.

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