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Response from North West Wales NHS Trust

Dear Karen  
These points to be considered.

Point 1

These terms would be appropriate and especially if agreement had been made with all parties reflecting the views of the Children's Services Plans, Local Safeguarding Boards and Children and Young People's Partnerships

Point 2

The terms of the proposed order appears to have been drafted appropriately  
The Memorandum from Gwenda Thomas- Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services has outlined and explained the proposal for legislative competence – however there appears to be little reference to the vulnerable young people – 16 – 18 year olds that also have Learning Disabilities and may be Leaving Care as Looked After Children. and are being transferred to Adult Services at 16 years

Point 3

Definitions of 'well being' and social care in the order are appropriate.  
However there is a need to have a national definition of Child in Need. and how that would encompass Children in Need of Protection and Children with Disabilities/ Special Needs.  
There needs to be revised scales and thresholds - (current benchmarking of children living in poverty or deprivation are those classed as having free school meals etc)

Point 4

The table set out with the exceptions appear appropriate and have taken consideration the changes made to the Children's Act 2006 and 'Towards a Stable Life'

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