

Socio-economic Duty (Strategic Decisions Only)

Welsh Government's [Socio-economic Duty](#) provides a framework to ensure tackling inequality of outcome is at the forefront of decision making.

Please consider how your proposal could affect the following groups:

- Single parents and vulnerable families
- People with low literacy/numeracy
- Pensioners
- Looked after children
- Homeless people
- Carers
- Armed Forces Community
- Students
- Single adult households
- People who have experienced the asylum system
- People of all ages leaving a care setting
- People living in the most deprived areas in Wales (WIMD)
- People involved in the criminal justice system
- People misusing substances

Socio Economic Disadvantages	Will the proposal have a positive, negative, or neutral impact?	How could you mitigate the negative impacts outlined?	Please highlight any evidence that has been considered (quantitative or qualitative)
Low Income / Income Poverty <i>(cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing, transport etc.)</i>	Positive impact		A Blaenau Gwent (BG) MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability. This will assist low income families in avoiding the need to visit their child/children in residential homes outside of Blaenau Gwent.
Low and/or No Wealth <i>(enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provisions for the future)</i>	Positive impact		A BG MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability. This will avoid families in spending money in court proceedings and visiting their child/children in

			Residential homes outside of Blaenau Gwent.
Material Deprivation <i>(unable to access basic goods and services i.e., financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, hobbies etc.)</i>	Positive Impact		A BG MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability, which will in turn improve families personal outcomes and ensure their income is not used for expensive travel to see their children
Area Deprivation <i>(where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of public transport) Impact on the environment?</i>	Positive Impact		A BG MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability. which will in turn improve their personal outcomes and integrating positively in their communities. This will cause less disruption for families.
Socio-economic Background <i>(social class i.e., parents' education, employment and income)</i>	Positive Impact		A BG MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability which will in turn improve their personal outcomes, resulting in

			families using their income positively on their family rather than for travel, etc to see their child/children in residential care.
Socio-economic Disadvantage <i>(What cumulative impact will the proposal have on people or groups because of their protected characteristic(s) or vulnerability or because they are already disadvantaged)</i>	Positive Impact		A BG MyST will increase capacity to work with children to provide placement stability which will in turn improve their personal outcomes like attending school, developing positive family/peer relationships, integrating positively in their communities. This will mitigate against existing disadvantages.