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Health boards and trusts are required to produce integrated medium term plans (IMTPs) annually.

The development of the NHS Planning Framework for 2018/21 provides further direction on the production of clear and deliverable IMTPs. This year, it is imperative that we build on the progression made in previous years and ensure further growth in the maturity of the planning system in Wales.

The national strategy, Prosperity for All, and the interim Parliamentary Review highlight the importance of population health organisations focused on prevention, reducing health inequalities and working with stakeholders to address population needs.

The Planning Framework requirements include:

* + - * Further embedding of the Well-Being of Future Generations (2015) Act; and the adoption of the sustainable development principles and active contribution towards the well-being goals;
* Quality and Safety – the constant driving of improvement in safety, outcomes, efficiency and service user satisfaction;
* Prudent and value based healthcare - healthcare that fits the needs and circumstances of patients;
* Timely access to care;
* Integration and systems shifts - breaking down silo working and the enabling of shifting hospital (secondary care services) to local services (primary and community care);
* Mental health;
* Collective working - promoting prosperous partnerships to ensure future sustainability, regionally, sub regionally and across public sector and other boundaries.

The framework is available on the Welsh Government’s website at: <http://gov.wales/topics/health/nhswales/organisations/planning/?skip=1&lang=en>