

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Committee:	Full Council
Date:	24 th September 2026
Subject:	Removal of profit from the care of children who are looked after - Sufficiency plans.
Responsible Officer:	Fon Roberts, Director of Social Services & Head of Children and Families Service
Purpose of the Report:	
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1. Background

Under Section 75A of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, as introduced by the Health and Social Care (Wales) Act 2025, introduces a new section 75A and the requirement for each Local Authority to produce an Annual Sufficiency Plan.

This report is shared with elected members to inform them of the Council's responsibility and to give reassurance that the work in producing the required yearly Sufficiency Plan is underway, and that we are confident that the Plan will be concluded in line with Welsh Government timeline.

2. Key points / summary

Our Annual Sufficiency Plan should:

- promote a coherent, planned approach to securing sufficient not-for-profit accommodation for children looked after.
- ensure that local authority decision-making is grounded in evidence of need and demand, both current and projected.
- support the rebalancing of care and support provision in line with national policy direction.
- provide transparency and accountability, through publication and annual reporting, to children, families, providers, elected members and other key stakeholders

The Plan will:

- Meet the statutory requirements of the commenced sections of the 2025 Act and the supporting regulations relating to sufficiency plans .
- Provide a clear, baseline of current need, demand and provision and projections, supported by available evidence.
- Demonstrate an understanding and articulation of sufficiency pressures and risks, including workforce, education, health and market dependencies.
- Set out a credible direction of travel towards meeting the sufficiency duty over time, even where deliverables are anticipated to be achieved beyond the first year, taking relevant local circumstances into account.
- Be transparent about assumptions, data gaps and limitations, rather than asserting unwarranted certainty; and
- Reflect an iterative approach, recognising that learning from early plans will inform future improvement.
- Be underpinned by robust, proportionate and transparent evidence, enabling local and national understanding of current need, pressures and future direction.
- Use evidence to support strategic decision-making and accountability, rather than to create new or additional data burdens.
- Include current data and core data sets
- Include forecasting and demand modelling
- Be transparent about data gaps and limitations
- Contain relevant information relating to quality and Outcomes

The Plan Must:

- Be endorsed by Director of Social Services
- Include a statement setting out whether the authority considers it can meet its sufficiency duty for the relevant year
- Be subject to senior leadership sign off within the local authority, and preferably by key partners, before submission to Welsh Ministers.

Next steps

- Service will draft an Annual sufficiency Plan, by 1st December 2026 for submission to Welsh Government Ministers for consideration and approval,
- Final Plan, incorporating any feedback from Ministers, to be completed and submitted to Welsh Government by 1 February 2027

3. Appendices

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2026-07/consultation-response-removing-profit-childrens-care-sufficiency-duty.pdf>

4. Recommendation

For Assurance and information purposes.