

Welsh Government draft Disabled People's Rights Plan: 2025-2035

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We know the challenges...

- Data
- Lack of co-production
 - *...understanding & awareness*
- Challenging adaptation system
- Complex allocation system
- Postcode lottery for social housing/funding
- Growing older population with mobility issues
- Difficulties in private rented accommodation
- Not enough accessible homes

Some good stuff...

- + Local Housing Market Assessments (LHMAs)
 - + Strengthened WHQS 2023 guidance
 - + Disability Rights Taskforce
- + Accessible housing registers (HASHA BILL)
- + Disabled people are ready and willing to work with providers
 - + A sector that wants to get it right

What we called for...

1. **Develop & publish a comprehensive strategy**
2. **Review WDQR**
3. **Same accessibility standard for private & social homes**
4. **Support a rights-based approach to housing**
5. **Single point of contact in local authorities**
6. **Stronger allocation of accessible homes**
7. **Review hospital discharge**

Background...

- ✓ **What is being consulted on?**
- ✓ **Why now?**
- ✓ **10-year cross-government ambition divided into four key areas:**
 - **Neighbourhoods and places**
 - **Employment, income and education**
 - **Independent living**
 - **Justice and supporting environments**

Supporting documents...

- + Full 10-year plan with long term ambitions
- + A short-term action plan for delivery this Senedd
- + A progress report showing what's already been achieved

Timelines

1. Consultation timeframe

The public consultation opened on **15 May 2025** and will run for **12 weeks**, closing on **7 August 2025**

2. Next steps

WG will review feedback and publish a **final version of the plan**. They have also committed to setting up an **External Advisory Board** to guide implementation and monitor progress over time

3. Ongoing evaluation

via **Disability Equality Forum**, the **Disabled People's Employment Champions**, and the **Disability Disparity Evidence Unit (DDEU)**

OUR SUMMARY TABLE

<http://www.taipawb.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Disabled-peoples-Rights-Plan-Table.docx>

Long-Term Outcomes: 10 years (Housing)

1. Information & Awareness	Disabled people are well-informed about their housing rights, accessible housing options, and available support services.
2. Availability of Accessible Housing	There is increased availability of affordable, adapted, & accessible housing in appropriate locations, matching demand & reducing waiting times.
3. Accessible Housing Services	Housing-related services, including application and assessment processes, are seamless, transparent, and take a whole-system approach - especially protecting vulnerable groups such as those fleeing violence or experiencing homelessness.
4. Inclusive Policy Development	Housing strategies and policies are shaped through meaningful involvement of disabled people, taking into account intersectional needs.
5. Effective Governance	Local authorities and housing providers operate with robust governance, accountability and data monitoring around accessible housing provision.
6. Supportive Staff	Those involved in housing provision: public officials, landlords, housing staff—are trained in the Social Model of Disability and understand disabled people's needs.

Long-Term Outcome (Housing)	Relevant Short-Term Actions (by end of Senedd term – 2026)	
1. Information & Awareness	Disabled people are well-informed about their housing rights, accessible housing options, and available support services.	Work with housing organisations to improve the dissemination of accessible housing information, including to digitally excluded people.
2. Availability of Accessible Housing	There is increased availability of affordable, adapted, and accessible housing in appropriate locations, matching demand and reducing waiting times.	Improve provision of accessible accommodation for disabled people (and families) fleeing violence. - Review the Welsh Development Quality Requirements 2021, including how they support accessible housing.
3. Accessible Housing Services	Housing-related services, including application and assessment processes, are seamless, transparent, and take a whole-system approach—especially protecting vulnerable groups such as those fleeing violence or experiencing homelessness.	Work with local authorities to improve accessibility and coordination of housing adaptations and equipment provision.
4. Inclusive Policy Development	Housing strategies and policies are shaped through meaningful involvement of disabled people, taking into account intersectional needs.	Engage with disabled people’s organisations to co-design and deliver training to housing organisations. - Engage with disabled people from underrepresented communities (e.g. Gypsy, Roma, Traveller communities) to identify housing barriers and co-produce solutions.
5. Effective Governance	Local authorities and housing providers operate with robust governance, accountability and data monitoring around accessible housing provision.	(Implicit) Ensure effective oversight through co-production, policy review (e.g. WDQR), and engagement with disabled communities.
6. Supportive Staff	Those involved in housing provision—public officials, landlords, housing staff—are trained in the Social Model of Disability and understand disabled people’s needs.	Work with disabled people’s organisations to co-design and deliver Social Model of Disability training for housing sector staff.

Your views...

1. **From your experience, how could homes be built or adapted in ways that genuinely meet the needs of disabled people?**
2. **How could access to housing information and support be improved – especially for people with accessibility requirements or digital access needs.**
3. **Do you feel housing colleagues understand the realities of disabled people's lives? What kind of training or support would make a real difference? Any good practice?**

Any questions?

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