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Children's Rights Impact Assessment - (CRIA) Wales

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Welsh Government's commitment to Children

In May 2011, Wales became one of a few countries, internationally to embed the principles of the UNCRC into Welsh law.

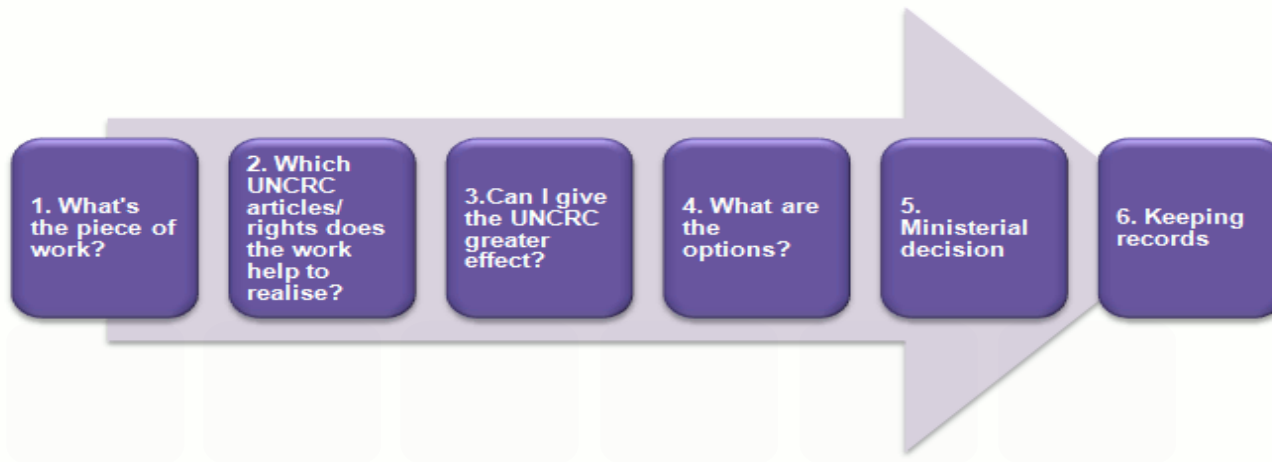
Welsh Government is committed to working towards full implementation of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.

As part of all our work, evidence of due regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and its optional protocols must be in place.

The Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011



Six Steps – CRIA Wales



What's the piece of work?

Determine exactly what it is you're working on. What are you trying to achieve? Who will it involve? Does it affect policy and/or service delivery?

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2. Which UNCRC articles/ rights does the work help to realise?

3. Can I give the UNCRC greater effect?

4. What are the options?

5. Ministerial decision

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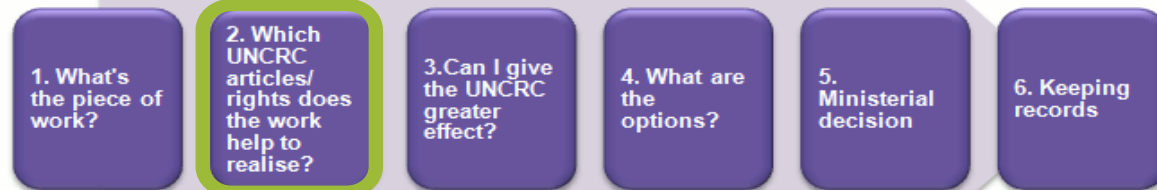
Assessing the UNCRC that relate.

Keep in mind the seven themes of the Convention:

1. General principles, which cover:
 - Non-discrimination
 - Best interests of the child
 - Right to life
 - Participation.
2. Civil rights and freedoms.
3. Family environment and alternative care.
4. Basic health and welfare.
5. Education, leisure and cultural activities.
6. Special protection measures.
7. Applying the Convention.

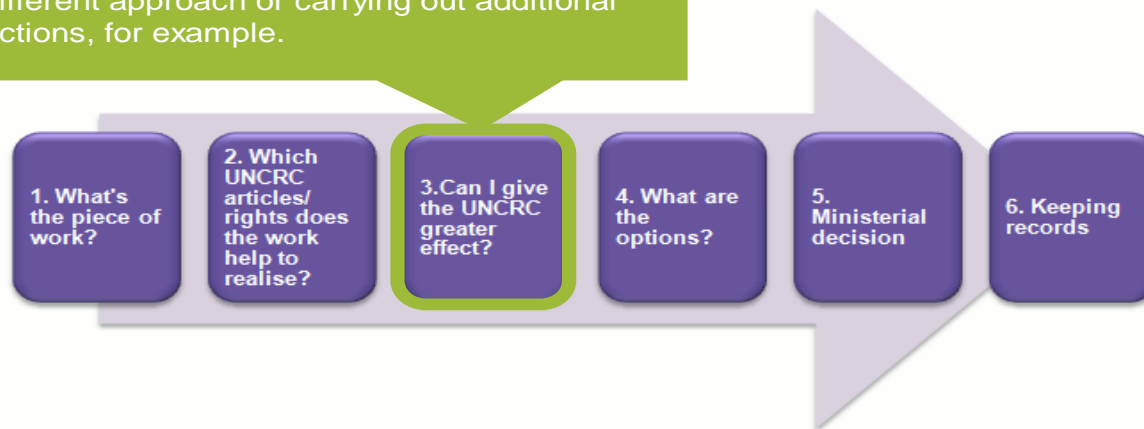
In Section 5 of this e-learning course, you'll be introduced to the **UNCRC assessment tool**, which helps you establish which articles relate to your work.

Further tools and training will be developed in due course as the Measure becomes fully effective.



Can I give greater effect?

Having identified which rights are relevant and that your work contributes to, next you'll need to analyse how your work contributes to realising these rights. You should then consider how greater or further effect can be given to them. This might mean taking a different approach or carrying out additional actions, for example.

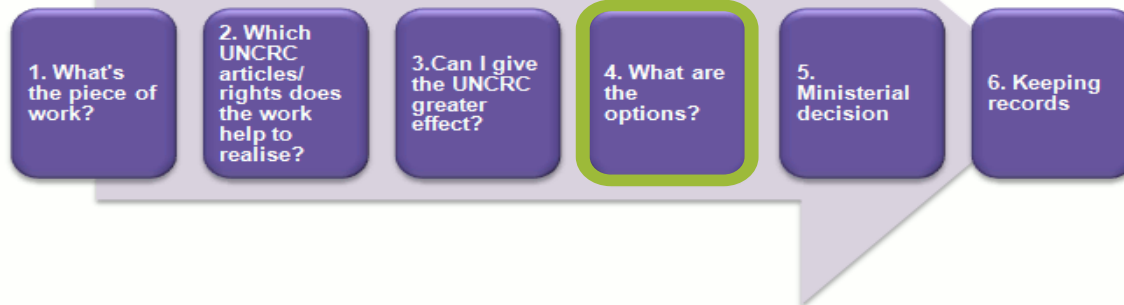


What could Welsh Ministers do?

Different options should be explored, and pros and cons, and costs of each option drawn up.

Options need to be explained in the context of other factors relevant to the topic, for example resources available or time constraints. Similarly other issues need to be considered including promoting equality, other statutory duties, and so on, to ensure that a **balanced consideration** is given to the duty.

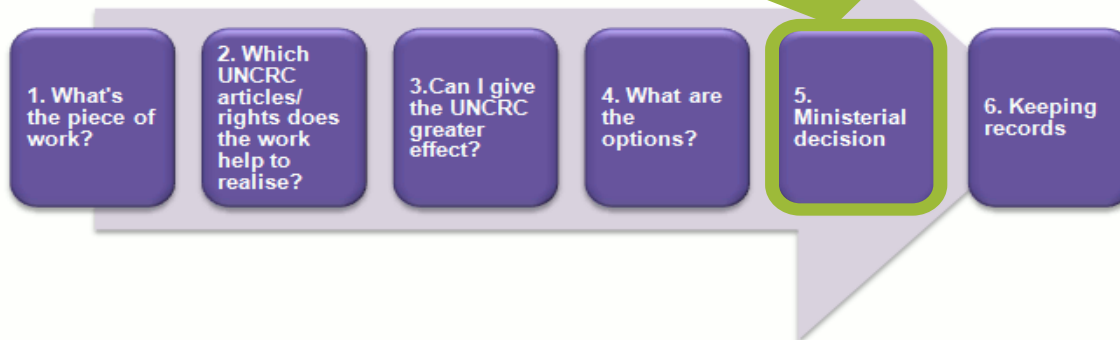
These factors (statutory and non-statutory) are incorporated into existing tools that help develop policy and legislation, including Policy Gateway and Inclusive Policy Making.



Ministerial decision

Options are submitted to a Minister for a decision as part of your Submission Folder (SF) or a Legislation Folder (LF).

Your Business Unit will check that you have confirmed that due regard has been given to the UNCRC.



Keeping records

Evidence should be kept on file that supports:

- How the duty has been complied with.
- The analysis that was carried out.
- The options that were developed.

We're considering publishing a summary of any analysis undertaken.

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