

## Question 1



Do the things in the easy read consultation report reflect your views and opinions about services for people with learning disabilities?

(Please tick your answer)



Yes



No

You can put any comments about this question here.



## Question 2

What do you think has worked well over the last 10 years for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

This could be changes in your local community or all over Scotland.

Please write your answer here.

Angus has improved considerably in last 5 years even more if you go back 10 years! People with disabilities were "shunned" & kept away from other children. I had to "fight" every step of the way to keep Ann in mainstream schooling, so she was "accepted" by others. It wasn't until the last 5 years that a massive change took place with disability discrimination being used more & more & court cases that a lot of the problems I had for Ann is not happening now. Unfortunately the Carers have risen as there is just no help otherwise & I think that Carers should get paid a decent amount & it should be tax free, as we carers are saving the government thousands of pounds a week.

Ann's mum/carer



### Question 3

What do you think still needs to be done by the Government to make the lives of people with learning disabilities and family carers better?

Please write your answer here.

It should be a simple process to obtain benefits & they should be applied as soon as a person with learning disabilities reaches the age of 16.

Carers should be allowed to work for 20 hours a week, tax free, & get the carer's allowance tax free too! After all, for some carers the only "break" they have is perhaps the few hours they work, which takes a bit of pressure off them but carers are made to "feel guilty" for taking some time out, but carers are penalised for having a part-time job to bring some money in. Caring is a full time job that "pays" almost nothing, less than 1 days pay & that's to manage to live on & when you manage to get a part-time job, you lose the carers! Try paying someone to do the jobs we carers do!

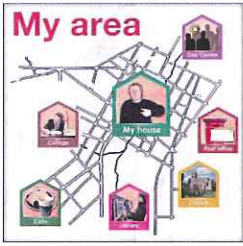
Ann's Mum/Care



**Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)**

- What have you done in your organisation to improve services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?
- What have you done in your organisation to improve access to services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

Please write your answer here.



**Question 5**

What have you done to make things better in your local area for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

Please write your answer here.



## Question 6

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get access to good healthcare?

Please write your answer here.

Better communication between the different areas  
Cut the red tape!  
A system needs put in place for people with learning disabilities to get the help they need through their GPs. Instead of having months to wait on appointments for results, GPs should be updated with results & what gets done next. GPs should be able to "fast-track" people with learning disabilities for treatment i.e. 1 centre either at GP surgery or similar where all services can be accessed for appointments instead of GP, referral, appointment, referral for tests, another wait for appointment, get results then more tests etc. Why can't everything be sorted at one time/place. Obviously waiting lists apply, but to keep trying to find out your results 6 months after when you GP or someone at a centre could complete everything & explain in "layman" terms that they understand. A lot of doctors don't know how to deal with patients with learning disabilities. Perhaps some courses for them!



## Question 7

What do you think needs to be done to improve access to better education and learning for people with learning disabilities?

Please write your answer here.

I personally had no problems once I initially got Ann into school. I had lots of help from the schools, social services etc. but once she turned '17, virtually all help stopped. Just because you can cope with day to day things, doesn't mean everything is fine. Updates on benefits, new services etc should be issued at least bi-annual.

More help is required when children become adults not less, which is what happens at present. There is more help for younger people than older. & almost nothing from 18-30. More needs to be done for these age groups -



## Question 8

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities live more independent lives?

Please put your answers here.

Possibly some 'group' accommodation or single flats adapted for individual needs, with alarms for help and care attendants.





## Question 9

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

There is quite a lot in this area, for some people but it would depend greatly on the type of learning disability, whether a job would be suitable ie you dont want a company using them as "state labour". Some people would manage with help for work outside ie animals or gardening whereas others might be suitable for kitchen work in the preparation, baking depts or even in shops but it would depend on the learning disability.



## Question 10

What do you think are the things we need to do in the future to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better?

Please write the most important things first.

Please write your answers here.

1. More 1 to 1 help in schools.
2. Some more life skills in secondary with assessments of the people's capabilities.
3. Courses in college to suit the capabilities to help get jobs.
4. Medical centres structured specifically for their needs. i.e. basic communication with patients & more information & appointments, structured for hearing disabilities so most appointments/tests/results can be done in one place with simple communication not the jargon doctors use!
5. Money i.e. benefits should be paid automatically not have to go through reams of paperwork.
6. More single apartments with access to care attendants.
7. Tax Relief for carers, who are in part time employment & not lose their carers allowance, as this is a big issue due to not being able to work full time due to being a carer.
8. More activities for 18-30 year olds inc. courses at college for those who cannot get employment due to their disability.