

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Progress and Challenges

Q.1 Do the findings of the evaluation broadly reflect your views about services for people with learning disabilities/carers?

Yes No

Please provide any comments, evidence and/or examples here

only in some aspects eg. lots of consultation
lots of involvement

Questions still remain :-

How does this translate into practice for?

- a) Independent living - lack of available housing
- b) Healthcare - once in adult services
- c) Education / FE provision - threat of reduction depends on locality + individual provision

Q.2 Can you give examples, either locally or nationally, of what you think has worked well over the last 10 years of *The same as you?*

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- Adults with LD moving out of hospital institutions to supported accommodation.
- Social Housing + Supported Accommodation for some
- Respite services - Council Based
- Variety for some with continuity in day care / college seems to work best.

Q. 3 Can you give examples of issues in current work and/or policies that still need to be addressed?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

• Transitions

- a) Home to Independent living (practical courses)
- b) last 18 months of school to F.E provision
- c) clarity & transparency re entitlement to independent living opportunities
- d) Fair / equal re age, disability, preference (not only those who can complain)
- e) Welfare Reform - detrimental to physical & emotional well being?

Good Practice – Organisations

Q. 4 Can you provide examples of what you have done over the last 10 years, within your organisation, to improve services and access to services within your local area?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Capability

- Person Centred Plans
- Tutor led in house skills development
- Political campaign to address issues of closure etc,
- Staff training for eg Epilepsy - procedures & protocol

Good Practice - Individuals

Q.5 What have you done, as an individual, to make positive changes within your local area?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Involved in :-

1. Capalsibility - Carers Support network
2. Joint Carers Group - Renfrewshire Council
3. Involvement in pro active political campaign with councillors / MP's / MSP's re fighting against threatened closures / over a year or so.
4. Promote attendance at F.E. events - support ventures arranged / involvement in courses

Future Priorities - Healthcare

Q.6 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better and more appropriate healthcare?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- Firm up existing service at RHDOT.
- Monitoring / record keeping - include this as Appendix in My Plan.
- Liaison with Health Service re ~
DR Consultants GP services (link + network)
- Get a cohesive, comprehensive, holistic picture of the adults needs for both
a) reviews + b) planning future needs

Future Priorities - Education

Q.7 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better educational opportunities?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- Explore available opportunities within services including college provision.
- Look at alternatives / research funding to employ tutor led short courses in centres.
- Additional training for new services ie
RHDT EAST + RLDT west - - - - -
Co-working / staff who are trained
free lance staff to deliver home
economics, art, therapies - - -
RHDT staff + R. Council staff joint working

Future Priorities - Independent Living

Q.8 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities are able to live independently?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- Funding.
- Network for socialisation
- Choices / more open
- increased housing core / cluster / individual
- Engaged 'developers' committed to property + provision of long term housing
- purchase more readily accessible - long term interest only - - - -
- Core groups - in 'good' areas / central + accessible to network with others

Future Priorities – Employment

Q.9 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better employment opportunities?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

1. Difficult to respond due to many issues:-
 1. Complex needs / don't match to multi skilled tasks eg Cinema / Food outlets
 2. Scarcity of experience ~ charity shop work presents challenges with volunteers
 3. Insurance for people with health probs sensory probs attentional difficulties

Future Priorities

Q.10 What other future priorities do we need to focus on? (Please list these in order of importance with the most important first)

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

1. Finance - sufficient to afford IL.
2. Security - long term award / constant reviews concerning
3. Benefits - welfare reform - clients need stability long term consistency
4. Care Packages - Constant review / threat of reduction distress / anxiety evident in vulnerable groups
5. Carers - Reviews / Assessments to articulate with care plan / Monitor any of this + changes Needs identified + addressed
6. Health - one impacts on the other. Problems compounded when occur it / with disability - PRIORITYSE this!