



Consultation Response

The Scottish Independent Hospitals Association (SIHA) response to the Scottish Government's consultation on The same as you? 2000: 2012

Introduction

The Scottish Independent Hospitals Association (SIHA) is a representative Association of all independent mental health and acute medical/surgical hospitals in Scotland. SIHA promotes the highest standards in independent healthcare and strives to influence the policy debate on the future of healthcare in Scotland.

All SIHA members have a commitment to quality assurance as a key part of the delivery of safe and effective services to patients. The independent mental health sector in Scotland is innovative and flexible, delivering person centred care and emphasising staff development.

SIHA notes that the Scottish Executive plans to establish a National Strategy Group which will look at the findings from the evaluation and the comments made during the consultation. Furthermore, that the Group will use the findings to develop a new strategy and an action plan to show what needs to be done next to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities and their families. **SIHA would ask for independent sector representation of this group in order to contribute to the strategy for people with learning disabilities.**

The following is a list of all SIHA members that provide specialist services for people with learning disabilities across Scotland:

[Huntercombe Hospital Edinburgh](#)

[Monroe House](#)

[Quarriers Scottish Epilepsy Services](#)

[Surehaven Glasgow](#)

[The Ayr Clinic](#)

SIHA members would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate the good practice and innovative specialist learning disability services they provide and are open to enquiries about visits by members of the National Strategy Group.

For information, SIHA publishes an annual Credentials document, profiling the independent healthcare sector across Scotland. The [2011 SIHA Credentials Document](#) is available to download. The following statistics demonstrate the size of the sector and its ability to contribute towards the Scottish Government's plans for an effective mental health system:

- The Scottish independent mental healthcare sector provided 36,500 patient bed days in 2010/11.
- Of the 36,500 bed days, more than 19,000 were NHS patient bed days.
- The sector provides 229 mental health beds.
- Complaints in the mental healthcare sector represented just 0.07 per cent of patient days.

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