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.

It is very hard to get appropriate help

My son spent three years at college. The courses seemed like a continuation of school & didn't support him to find employment.

My son enjoyed the experience of going to college and living in the halls of residence, this I feel was the greatest benefit.

When my son was looking for work I contacted lots of people & organisations for help, most I felt went through the motions & then disappeared.

My son found work via a chance meeting with a worker ~~with~~ who wanted to help. The worker has since been made redundant, fortunately my son is still working.

Public transport is a godsend for my son, ~~to~~ it ensures his ability to get about & be independent.

My son's main carer is his sister who does not get any support. We feel she is taken advantage off.

He would not be where he is today, working and living in his own tenancy (albeit an expensive private let).

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.

The best thing to happen for my son ~~is~~ was having a local area co-ordinator.
She knocked on my door & offered help when we needed it. This was when my son was in transition from school to college. If the LAC hadn't been there I have strong doubts as to him ever going to college.
The LAC supported me through this transition and then us both from college, looking at the possibilities for the future via a Person Centred Plan. *

It is great that so many children with learning disabilities attend both regular & special schools though I have concerns that once at school they then have to fit programmes and ciriculum that do not suit them as individuals.

* Since my son finished college his LAC retired and has not been replaced. He has also moved to another area which do not have LAC's. This I believe has been to his detriment as it has been difficult to get appropriate help and activities to fill his days, (he only works part time).

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.

Opportunities for people with learning disabilities to ~~be able to~~ be given a chance to work, to show what they are capable of doing.

Family carers should not be taken advantaged of, they should be valued for the unpaid support they provide.

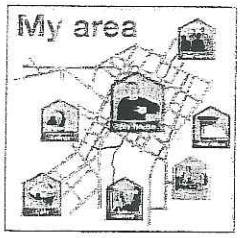
Better housing opportunities including sheltered housing.

LAC available to all who want this type of support.

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.

Joined/attended local groups.

Demonstrated outside the council when they threatened to do away with LAC's.

Question 6

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

Please write your answer here.

Health care workers made aware of patients with learning disabilities in order to allocate more time to help, ie longer appts.

Training of health care workers to have a better understanding of learning disability.

College

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.

Courses that lead to jobs.

Courses that teach real life skills & independence.

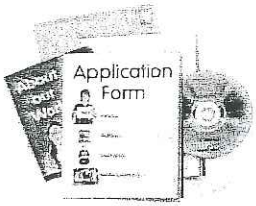
How to deal with money, form filling, getting appropriate help

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.

Sheltered housing ie. Flats with a warden
Appropriate support available when required
A radical change in society
Real job opportunities



Question 9

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

Please write your answer here

People with learning disabilities need to be given an opportunity to prove they are capeable, they are often far more capable than are given credit for. They are ~~ofte~~ often very good employees who turn up on time and are dependable.

Some people with learning disabilities require support to start a job but often this is only required for a short time.

I believe it is fear that stops employers taking the chance on a disabled person and society as a whole needs to get over this fear of the unknown quanity If we are going to have a fair and equal society. Laws are not always the answer, we need a culture shift and campaigns such as The Same as You along with strong minded people willing to challenge 'norms'.

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.

See everyone as a person, an individual with feels, personality and the right to a good life.

Campaigns to work with people with learning disabilities, their parents, carers, support workers & the trade union movement who are fighting for the rights of individuals.

Campaigns to increase the availability of Local Area Coordination across the whole of Scotland for everyone.