

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



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You can put any comments about this question here.

We think urgent action should be taken to close long stay hospitals. Hospitals should not be a persons' home.

Parents of people with learning difficulties should be supported to keep their children.



Question 3

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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.

There needs to be more accessible housing and more housing choices for people with learning difficulties. Less group homes.

More information needs to be given when changes happen; eg changes to day services.

More emphasis on individual support rather than clubbing everyone together; more funding for services for people with learning difficulties.

Stop Councils charging individuals for support services.

Travel should be made easier for disabled people.

Getting support right: Some people get too much and some too little. Independence is important. Support should be flexible.

We agree that Health and Social work should be working more together.

There should be more planning during transition from school to future.

Mainstream school should be the first option for people with

learning difficulties. They should be offered support to attend mainstream schools and not segregated in special schools. Parents should be supported to make mainstream a reality for their children.

The welfare reform is a worry for people with learning difficulties and disabled people. People are worried that they will lose essential benefits.

Employment: More should be done to support people with learning difficulties to gain employment.

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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.

We have lobbied for closure of long stay hospitals.

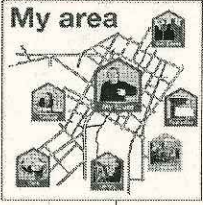
We continue to support local self advocacy groups in Midlothian, campaigning for changes and better services and supporting members to advocate for their rights.

Quality Assurance - We continue to support people to expect good service.

We support other organisations to improve services for people with learning difficulties.

We have consulted on easy read documents.

We support our members on Partnership Boards, Community Groups, Forums, Access Panels, etc, ensuring that they are able to take an active part, ensuring easy read agendas, minutes etc.



Question 5

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

Please write your answer here.

We have campaigned to keep hate crime on the local Council's agenda.

We have highlighted local issues and supported our members to speak to Midlothian Council in order to resolve them.

We have supported people with learning difficulties to understand any changes to services eg when First Bus pulled out of Midlothian.

We have supported our members through changes to day services and supported them to speak to the Council about any problems eg transport, activities etc.

We have supported our members to be part of the community and attend community meetings, forums, consultations etc, supporting them to be seen to take a useful and active role in their communities.

We have provided group and individual advocacy to people with learning difficulties who may or may not have significant others in their lives. We have provided a constant reliable presence in their day to day lives.

We have signposted our members to other specialist

organisations to support them with their needs eg financial advice, benefit advice etc.

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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.

Good communication, easy read.

Health professionals to offer patients with learning difficulties understanding, choices, time to talk things through. Talking to the patient, not the carer.

Chemists listening to people with learning difficulties and explaining things about medication and other services.

Having the same doctor each time.

Longer appointment time.

Accessible premises.

Good transport links

Peer support service.

Having a chance to visit the ward before any major treatment.

Information in easy read format about medical conditions; particularly those that affect people with learning difficulties. More emphasis on improving dental care, obesity, heart problems etc.

DVD's about other people's experience of medical issues.

More well woman/well man clinics.

More training for all medical staff on supporting people with learning difficulties during medical procedures.



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.

There should be the support for people with learning difficulties to attend mainstream schools and have a chance to do mainstream qualifications. Parents of people with learning difficulties should be supported to think of mainstream school as the primary choice.

College courses should improve the chance of employment for people with learning difficulties – not filling in time and certainly not doing the same course over and over again. A wide variety of courses should be available.

Encouraging a 'can do' attitude to education and taking time to find out what the person would like to do, what they wish to get out of education etc.

Important to have a tour round school or college before starting.

Good accessible bus links.

Good relationships between college and employers to encourage employment of people with learning difficulties.

It shouldn't be automatic that people with learning difficulties go to day services/day centres.



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.

People's attitude needs to change

Support to improve self-esteem and nurture a 'can do' attitude for people with learning difficulties.

Opportunity to live independently in the community, having the right support/housing etc to do this. Having the right amount of support; not too much/too little. Having flexible support.

People with learning difficulties to be supported to do things themselves, staff should not do things for them.

Being supported to feel safe in their community.

Being supported with gate keeping if in own house. Being part of neighbourhood watch.

Right housing in the right area.

Good transport links

Good shopping links

Opportunity to attend education.



Question 9

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

Please write your answer here

Educating and supporting employers to take on people with learning difficulties. Providing information about people with learning difficulties to organisation. When tendering jobs, ensuring that a certain percentage of disabled people are employed.

More funding for employment support for people with learning difficulties. Support to apply for and keep jobs. Practice interviewing techniques. Advice on presentation, understanding work policies and procedures, workplace relationships etc.

More mainstream qualifications/college courses to get people into employment.

Less bullying in employment. Buddying /peer support system.

Making it easier to come off benefits and into work.

Being seen to play an active role in the local community.



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.

More employment opportunities.

Change attitudes towards people with learning difficulties.

Good housing choices.

Enough money to live on.

Independence with good, flexible support.

Less hate crime; feeling safe in local community.

Good health prevention programme.

Good information and choices.

Good relationships/social opportunities.

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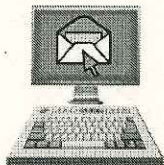


Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions. Your answers are important to us so that we can do the right things to help people with a learning disability have better lives.

Please send your answers to:

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