

## 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



You can put any comments about this question here.

We agreed with most of the report.

We do not think that so many people have jobs. Not very many people have paid jobs and most people only work a few hours a week.

A lot of people volunteer and they count it as having a job.

## 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.

People have moved out of hospitals. They have support to live in their own flat. Now they are worried that they wont be able to get the right support.

There is not enough money for them to have support all the 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.

#### Jobs

The government should put more money into training staff to support people with learning disabilities to get a job. They should not put us together with people who have other problems.

You feel better when you have a job. People respect you.

#### Carers

Parents should not have to worry about what will happen when they are not there. You should be able to get the support you need to stay at home.



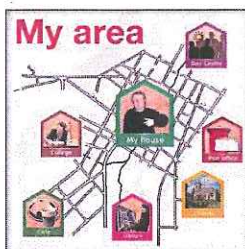
**Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)**

- 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 are a self advocacy group. We get support to take part in local groups to let people know that we are part of the community.

A lot of people know about our group and ask what we think.



## 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.

We try to let other people with learning disabilities know what their rights are and to help them to fight for their rights.

We talk to people who go to college to let them know what is going on.

We let people know about meetings and consultations so that they can have their say.



## 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.

We think that most people go to their doctor when they need to.

Sometimes if you go to hospital they don't understand what you need. You might have to take someone with you so that they can explain things. You can be given information that you don't understand.

We think staff in hospitals should have training to work with people with learning disabilities. Some of us used to speak to trainee nurses and doctors but this doesn't happen any more.

We made a course about learning disability awareness but could not get funding.

People need help to exercise, cook and eat healthily. People with learning disabilities are not always able to take part in exercise classes, they are too fast.



## 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.

College places have gone away down in the last few years. You can't always get a place any more. The choices of courses are not as good as they used to be. The courses don't help you to get a job e.g. I want to be a Trainer but I would need support to do a mainstream course.



## 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 should get the support they need to help them to go out and meet other people and make friends. Support workers now only have time to help with cooking and things like that.

There should be more groups like ours. We can call on each other and we always know that we can phone our supporter. She can help us to find out where we can get the right help and how to overcome problems.

Sometimes it's just small things but you know she's there. Our group has been going for 13 years, we meet every week. Everyone is more confident and we mix with a lot of different people.

Some people need an advocate to help them with bigger problems. It is very hard to get an advocate and you have to get to know them and trust them.





## Question 9

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

Please write your answer here

Most of our members have been in supported employment.

There used to be support for people to get and keep a job. The staff had the experience of working with people with learning disabilities. They knew what we needed. They could work with employers to make sure that we kept our jobs if something went wrong. We had someone to go to if we had a problem

We think that this is the kind of support people need. There should be supported employment projects for people with learning disabilities.



## 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.

Make sure that people have choices about support  
Make sure people get the help they need (support, advocate)  
Make sure the money goes where it is most needed.  
More groups like ours would help a lot more people to have more choices and have a say in what's going on.