

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

Progress has been slow and piecemeal
- locally -
Access to Direct Payments very poor
- this has held up any real prospect
of self directed lives for people with
l.d.
- Lack of resources for independent
living and support into work.
- Connections to local community
still very difficult

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

closure of long stay hospitals.
- some creative work in some
local areas have led to
improved lives. Not consistent.
- greater consultation = good.
- local "Capability works" = best
practice - new - but will get
good results in getting people into
appropriate work - VERY HOPEFUL.

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

- Direct Payments - lack of consistency.
- Support in to work:
- Connecting to local communities
- The stories of how people's lives can be changed - need to be made public in order to raise expectations.
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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

N/A

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

- Tried to access direct payments!
(ie avoid day centre route - now son is reliant on day centre - which is now closing! All disruption which could have been avoided.
- on local joint carers group to keep council informed of carers issues.
- fought to keep Capability resource centre open (based on 'Same As You!')
- council closing it anyway!!!

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

Regular (annual) checks at GP and easy access to l.d. nurses.
HOSPITALISATION! - needs to be looked at urgently. Too many issues to be condensed in this space. Present situation is dangerous & unacceptable for many!

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

Access to F.E. courses both specialised & mainstream. Outreach work of colleges should be revisited for those who can't tolerate the college environment

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

Access to:
Properly supported appropriate housing.
LONG TERM PLANNING – not only in emergency – as is the case just now.

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

More agencies such as Capability Works - with experienced, knowledgeable and committed staff. So much is possible with the right support. Without it - NOTHING!

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

HOUSING. HEALTH
DIRECT PAYMENTS
WORK.
EDUCATION
CONNECTIONS IN COMMUNITY